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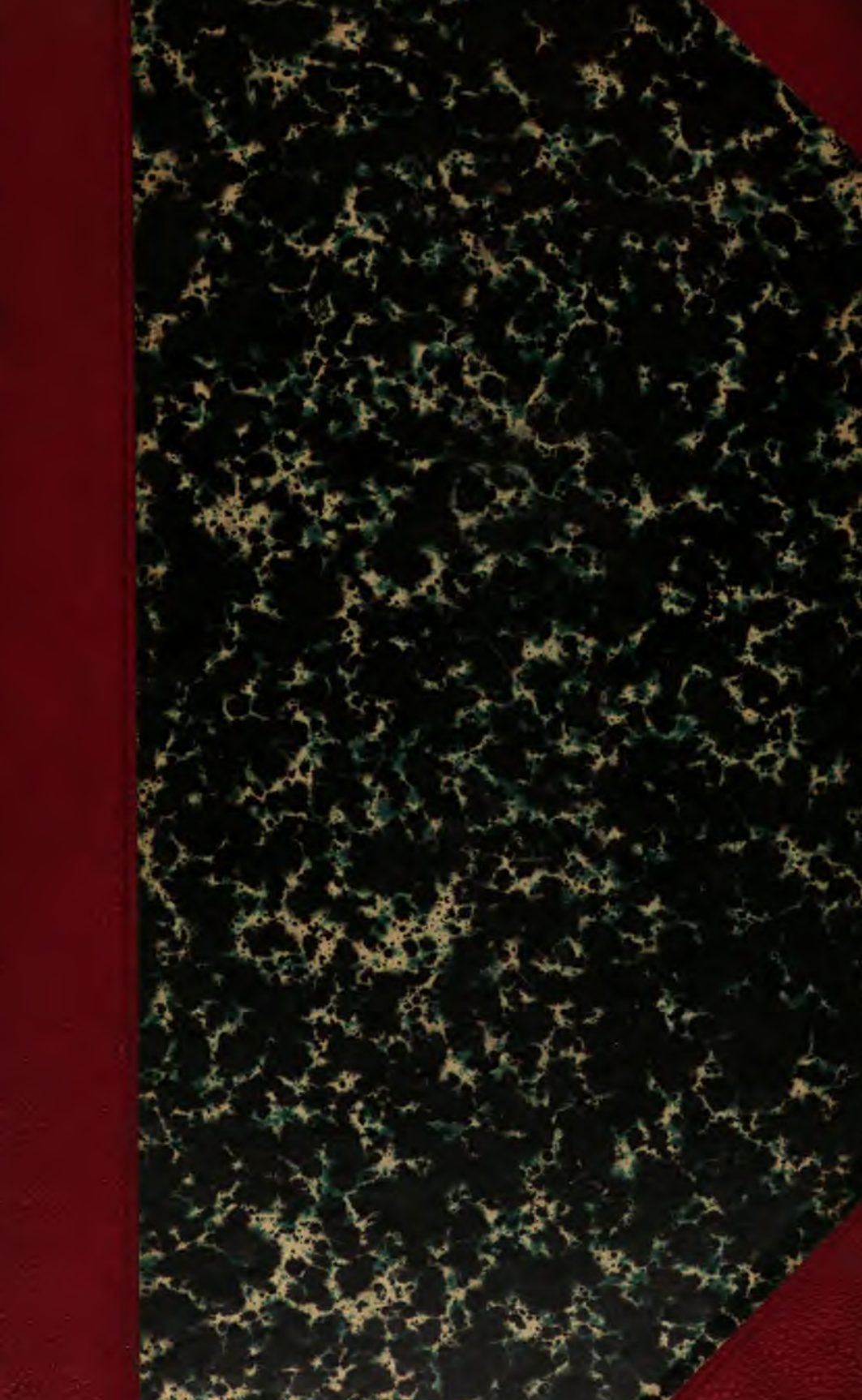
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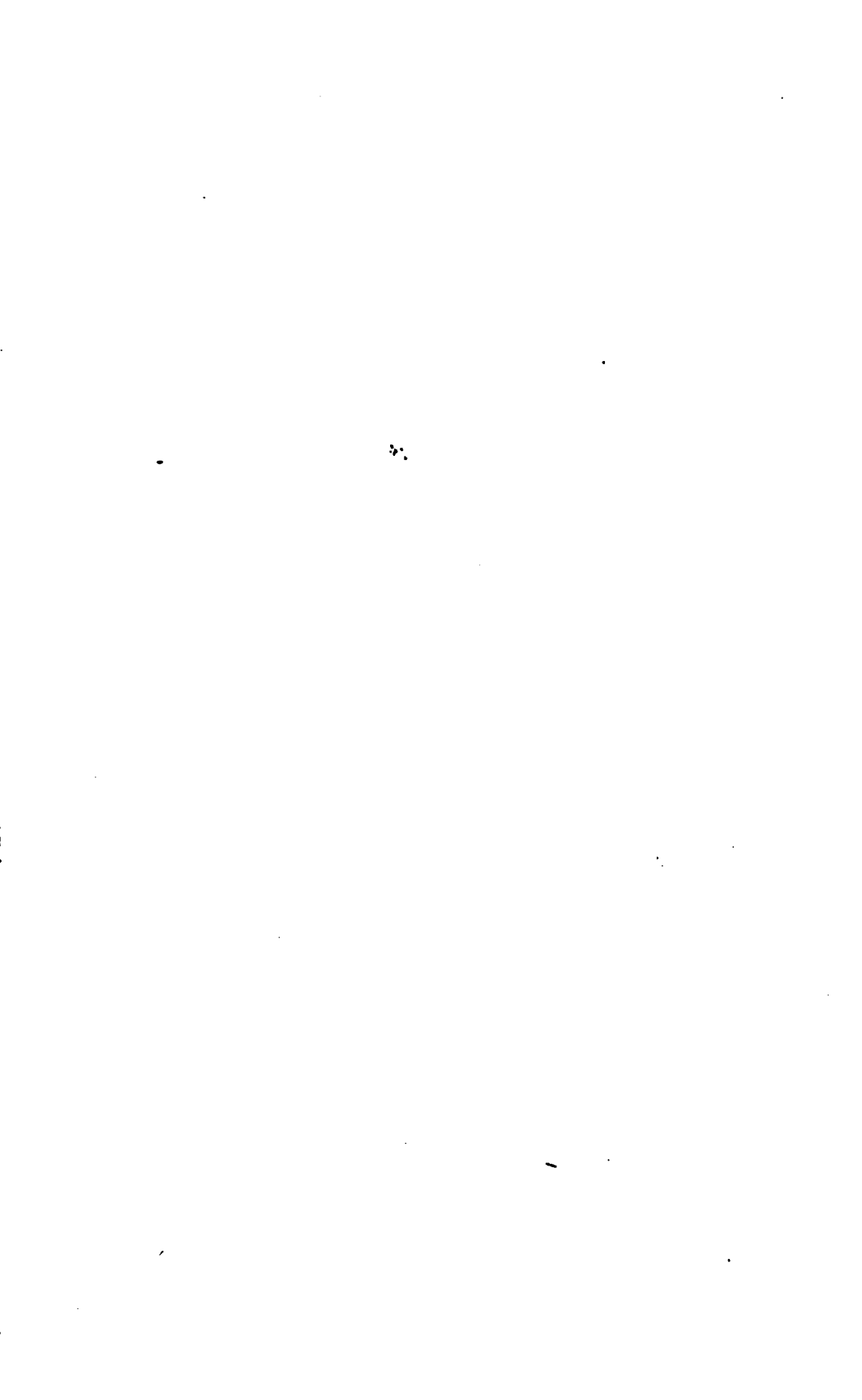
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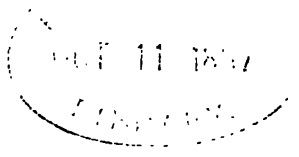












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*Families of the Wyoming Valley: Biographical, Genealogical and Historical. Sketches of the Bench and Bar of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.* By GEORGE B. KULP, Historiographer of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society. In two volumes. Vol. I. Wilkes-Barre, Pa. E. B. Yordy, Printer. 1885. 8vo. pp. viii. + 504. Price per volume, \$7.50.

A history of the families of the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania is necessarily an important part of the history of Connecticut, that state having claimed, by the charter of Charles II., that portion of the present territory of Pennsylvania lying between the 41st and 43rd degrees of latitude. As early as 1753 steps were taken by Connecticut to settle this section with her own people. From 1760 to 1790 various companies of emigrants from Connecticut and the other New England states located on these lands. The claim of Connecticut was disputed by the colony of Pennsylvania, who had already granted these lands to her citizens. Out of this conflict of colonial authority, frequent and severe contests for their possession arose between the two parties, the Pennamites or Pennsylvania claimants, and the Yankees or Connecticut claimants. No one who has ever visited the historical Valley of Wyoming, and gazed upon its exquisite beauty, will wonder that the early settlers were willing to take up arms and do battle for such a prize. The struggle for its possession is narrated in the various histories of this section, and needs only to be referred to here. But from these emigrations of New England and Pennsylvania people have descended the Families of Wyoming Valley, whose history Mr. Kulp has preserved in this very interesting volume. Many of these families, repeating the history of most civil wars, have intermarried to such an extent that frequently the Pennsylvania family and name are found owning lands inherited from Connecticut ancestors, or the Connecticut family is found in possession of acres descended from some Pennsylvania ancestor. From these early settlers, who were men of bold spirit, undaunted courage, strong sense and religious principles, have come many whose names are to be

found prominently placed on every page of the history of the union. To one branch of these sons of Connecticut and Pennsylvania the author of this volume has devoted his labors in efforts to rescue from oblivion the records of their personal career and that of their forefathers, i. e. the Bench and Bar of Luzerne County.

The first volume, the only one as yet issued, contains ninety-seven biographical and genealogical sketches of living members of the Luzerne Bar. The second volume will contain as many more, including those whose earthly career has already ended, many of whom were distinguished in the civil and military history of Pennsylvania. These sketches first appeared in the pages of the Luzerne Legal Register, a weekly publication by Mr. Kulp, which has reached its fourteenth volume, and is of such value that a full set commands the price of about sixty-five dollars. In this volume Mr. Kulp has given as full genealogical records as it was possible to obtain of the families from which the several subjects of his sketches descended. He has had access to old family papers, church and court records, both in Connecticut and Pennsylvania, and has gathered his mass of historical and personal reminiscences with great care and accuracy.

Among the biographical sketches will be found those of Col. Zebulon Butler, who was in the action of Wyoming, 1778, Hons. Edmund L. Dana, Henry M. Hoyt, A. T. McClintock, E. S. Osborne, Lazarus D. Shoemaker, Hendrick B. Wright; Judges Rhone, Woodward, Scott, Harding, Rice and others of the Luzerne Bar. Among the genealogies, in which a vast amount of new and unpublished material appears for the first time, will be found those of the families of Butler, Bennett, Bulkley, Bedford, Conyngham, Dixon, Dorrance, Darling, Espy, Fell, Hasley, Hand, Hunlock, Hoyt, Jameson, Johnson, Jenkins, Kulp, Lewis, Lamberton, O'Neil, Payne, Palmer, Powell, Rhone, Richardson, Richards, Scott, Smith, Sutton, Shoemaker, Strong, Welles, Wadhams, Walker, &c. &c. &c. The sketch of Edmund Griffin Butler is especially interesting, containing as it does an exhaustive account of the battle and massacre of Wyoming, in which action the ancestors of nearly all of those whose history this work sets forth participated. In his estimate of the character of living persons whom the author names, we find none of that fulsome flattery which disfigures so much modern biography. While as he says the volume makes no pretensions to literary excellence, he has given us a very readable book, and one which the genealogist will welcome as useful and valuable. Mr. Kulp promises an index of names in the second volume, the absence of which is the only defect of this volume. The typography of the book reflects great credit on the printer. The work is not stereotyped and the edition is limited.

*By the Rev. Horace Edwin Hayden, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.*

*Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Commemoration of the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the Foundation.* 1884. 8vo. pp. 99.

*Laurence Chaderton, D.D. (First Master of Emmanuel). Translated from a Latin Memoir of Dr. Dillingham, with Notes and Illustrations. Richard Farmer, D.D. (Master of Emmanuel, 1775—1797). An Essay.* By E. S. SHUCKBURGH, M.A., late Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Cambridge: Macmillan and Bowers. 1884. 8vo. pp. 63.

We have before us two works which the Tercentenary Festival of Emmanuel College, June 18 and 19, 1884, have produced. This College, as is stated in the first book, "was founded by Sir Walter Mildmay in the year 1584. The Register gives the names of thirty persons admitted members of the college in the year 1584-5. Of the actual day of the foundation there is no record. But Queen Elizabeth's Charter empowering Sir Walter Mildmay to found a College is dated June 5, 1584. Between these two dates, therefore, the corporate life of the College must have begun."

This college has a particular interest for the people of New England, for more of the prominent men among our early settlers were educated here than at any other college. Among them were John Harvard, the founder of Harvard College; Nathaniel Ward, author of the Massachusetts Body of Liberties, the first code of laws established in New England; Thomas Hooker and Samuel Stone of Hartford, Thomas Shepard of Cambridge, William Blaxton or Blackstone, the first settler of Boston; Thomas James and Zechariah Symmes, of Charlestown; Nathaniel Rogers of Ipswich, Daniel Maude of Dover, William Leverich of Sandwich, all clergymen and men of ability.

The first work under notice contains the proceedings at the celebration in the summer of 1884, when speeches were made by our countrymen, Prof. Charles E.



Norton, as a delegate from Harvard College, and the Hon. James Russell Lowell, the United States Minister to Great Britain. Speeches were made also by Dr. Phear, the master of Emmanuel; Dr. Ferras, the vice-chancellor of the university; Lord Powis, the high steward; the Bishop of Winchester, Sir Henry Mildmay, descended from a brother of the founder; Mr. Beresford Hope, Rev. W. Chawner, tutor of Emmanuel, Dr. Sebastian Evans and Dr. J. J. Raven. A sermon was preached by Dr. Edward Harold Browne, bishop of Winchester. Appended to the report of these proceedings is some valuable historical, biographical and tabular matter relative to the college. A portrait of the founder is prefixed to the book.

The bicentenary of the college was celebrated one hundred years ago, in September, 1784, by appropriate services, an account of which is preserved in this book. It is not known that the completion of the first hundred years was observed in any manner; nor does any notice seem to have been taken in 1834 of its quarter millenary, an event now so frequently commemorated in America.

Dr. Shuckburgh's work, the second whose title we give, contains memoirs of two Masters of Emmanuel, Dr. Laurence Chaderton, the first master of the college, and Dr. Richard Farmer, the Shakespearean scholar, who was master when the bicentenary was celebrated. The memoir of Dr. Chaderton was written in Latin by one of his successors, Dr. William Dillingham, and has been translated and edited by Dr. Shuckburgh, who has written, as a companion to it, the memoir of Dr. Farmer. The two biographies are valuable contributions to the history of the college.

*The Colonial Church in Virginia.* Address delivered by P. SLAUGHTER, D.D., Historiographer of the Diocese of Virginia, at the Centennial Council in the City of Richmond, on the 21st of May, 1885. [Motto of the Seal of Virginia.] Boston: Printed by Rand, Avery & Company. 1885. 8vo pp. 43.

The Rev. Dr. Slaughter has been for many years, as he now is, a zealous and indefatigable student of the history of Virginia, especially its ecclesiastical history. He has rendered most valuable service by his efforts to seek out, collect and preserve the scattered and perishing records of the ancient parishes. Among the fruits of his historical researches are the well-known histories of Bristol Parish and St. George's Parish, published respectively in 1846 and 1847, and which were subsequently incorporated by Bishop Meade in his "Old Churches, Ministers and Families of Virginia." In his excellent memoir of Bishop Meade (*Memorial Biographies of the New England Historic Genealogical Society*, vol. iv. 1885), Dr. Slaughter gives an outline sketch of the condition of the Episcopal Church in Virginia during the first half of the present century. In his Centennial Address of May last he deals more in detail, and more in the way of a discussion, with a much longer period, upwards of two hundred and fifty years of colonial history. In a survey so long as this, only the most important events could be noticed. But with this discussion we are presented with striking views of men, of society, and of ecclesiastical and political affairs, painted with the author's characteristic skill. These views represent the results of careful research, and the facts are stated frankly and clearly. This address may well serve, in the hands of the same author, or in the hands of an equally competent historian in the future, as the framework of a full history of the Episcopal Church in Virginia prior to the American Revolution.

The author throws new light upon his subject, and corrects some false and injurious statements, the coinage of ignorant or prejudiced writers. He points out the chief obstacles, whether of a local or of a foreign source, to the vigorous growth of the colonial Church. He shows how it was hampered and weakened rather than aided and strengthened, by its enforced union with the State. He shows how it endeavored to meet its obligations to the enslaved race. And he establishes the fact—which has been ignored or denied by not a few historians—that the principal laymen in Virginia were openly among the earliest and most strenuous opposers of the arbitrary and oppressive measures of the British authorities previous to the Revolution, and that they were also amongst the most patriotic and efficient supporters of the American interests throughout the war.

By Albert H. Hoyt, A.M., of Boston.

*Proceedings and Collections of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society.* Vol. II. Part I. Wilkes-Barré, Pa.: Printed for the Society. 1885. 8vo. pp. 185.

This number contains the charter, by-laws and roll of membership of the society, with the proceedings from March 2, 1883, to Feb. 11, 1884, and reports and papers. The papers on Local Shell-Beds by Sheldon Reynolds, Pittston Fort by Hon. Steu-

ben Jenkins, Bibliography of Wyoming Valley by the Rev. Horace E. Hayden, Calvin Williams by George B. Kulp, contain much important material for the history of the Wyoming Valley. A report of a special committee, by the chairman, the late Harrison Wright, Ph.D., on the archaeological remains at Tioga Point, Pa., is a valuable contribution to Indian history.

This society, which was established in 1858, is doing good service for the history and geology of that locality.

*Samuel de Champlain: A Brief Sketch of the Eminent Navigator and Discoverer. Read before the Chicago Historical Society, Tuesday Evening, October 20, 1885.* By HENRY H. HURLBUT. A Portrait of the Great Explorer, painted by Miss Harriet P. Hurlbut, was on this occasion presented in her name to the Society. Chicago: Fergus Printing Company. 1885. 8vo. pp. 19.

We have before us an address delivered last autumn before the Chicago Historical Society on the occasion of the presentation, in behalf of Miss Hurlbut, of a painting of Champlain. It was copied by her from an engraved portrait by Moncornet, as it appears in the works of Champlain published by the Prince Society. The frame, of which an account is given in the author's "Chicago Antiquities," p. 80, has a history, having traditionally formed a part of an old ship of some celebrity. Mr. Hurlbut is engaged on a work to be entitled "Our Inland Seas and Early Lake Navigation," and this sketch of the life of Champlain will form a part of that work. It is an interesting narrative of this early explorer of our coast.

*Genealogical Gleanings in England.* By HENRY F. WATERS, A.B. Vol. I. (Part First.) Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society. 1885. 8vo. pp. 131.

*John Harvard and his Ancestry.* By HENRY F. WATERS, A.B. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society. 1885. 8vo. pp. 24.

*Genealogical Gleanings in England.* [No.] X. By HENRY F. WATERS, A.M. 8vo. pp. 16.

A notice in the REGISTER of Mr. Waters's "Genealogical Gleanings in England" may appear like "carrying coal to Newcastle," but a brief word will suffice. These "Gleanings" have appeared quarterly in this periodical.

The first part of Volume I., whose title heads this article, represents all the instalments published from July, 1883, to April, 1885, inclusive. The preface is by John T. Hassam, Esq., and the superb index is by Frank E. Bradish, Esq.

The second title which we give is that of a pamphlet reprint of Mr. Waters's contribution to the July number of the REGISTER, in which he dispelled the mystery which had so long enveloped the history of the founder of Harvard University.

The third title is that of the last issue of the serials which the Committee on English Research of the New England Historic Genealogical Society have reprinted from the REGISTER. Of these serials, Nos. I. to VIII. are reprinted in the work whose title we first give; No. IX. consists of the Harvard researches, and No. X. contains all of Mr. Waters's "Gleanings" which appeared in the October REGISTER with Mr. Hassam's introduction, including President Eliot's account of Mr. Waters's discoveries about Harvard.

The three works contain all of the published "Genealogical Gleanings" to the close of 1885.

Students in genealogy felt that they had a prize in the various instalments, and now when the same appear in book form, a greater prize is presented to them. The work of Mr. Waters is of highest value. To him already is due the credit of finding the Winthrop map, the Maverick MS. and the family of John Harvard. His investigations, as these "Gleanings" prove, are in no narrow way. The early families of Virginia and the other English colonies, as well as Massachusetts, are borne in mind. To many of these researches are appended notes of much value by eminent American antiquaries. The descendants of the early American families can well afford to keep Mr. Waters at this post, for which he is preëminently fitted.

By the Rev. Anson Titus, of Amesbury, Mass.

*Final Notes on Witchcraft in Massachusetts: A Summary Vindication of the Laws and Liberties concerning Attainders, with Corruption of Blood, Escheats, Forfeitures for Crime and Pardon of Offenders, in Reply to the Reasons, &c., of Hon. Albert C. Goodell, Jr., Editor of the Province Laws of Massachusetts.* By GEORGE H. MOORE, LL.D., Superintendent of the Lenox Library. New York: Printed for the Author. 1885. 8vo. pp. 120. Sold by Cupples, Upham & Co., 283 Washington St., Boston, Mass. Price \$1.

*Prytaneum Bostoniense. Notes on the History of the Old State House, formerly known as the Town House in Boston, the Province Court House, the State House and the City Hall.* By GEORGE H. MOORE, LL.D. Boston: Cupples, Upham & Co. 1885. 8vo. pp. 31. Price 50 cents.

Dr. Moore's "Final Notes" is the fifth of a series of pamphlets which have been issued by Dr. Moore and Mr. Goodell, discussing points in the history of Witchcraft in Massachusetts. On the 21st of October, 1883, Dr. Moore read a paper before the American Antiquarian Society, entitled *Notes on the History of Witchcraft in Massachusetts*, which was printed in the *Proceedings* of that society and reprinted in pamphlet form in 1883. A reply to this by Mr. Goodell, under the title of "Further Notes on the History of Witchcraft in Massachusetts," appeared in 1884. "Supplementary Notes on Witchcraft in Massachusetts" by Dr. Moore, and Reasons for concluding that the Act of 1711, Reversing the Attainder of 1693, became a Law," by Dr. Goodell, followed in the same year. Mr. Goodell's two contributions to this and Dr. Moore's "Supplementary Notes" and a part of the "Final Notes" were read as papers before the Massachusetts Historical Society, and are reprinted from its *Proceedings*. Various questions concerning the Witchcraft trials and the subsequent legislation of Massachusetts relative to the victims, are discussed in these pamphlets; and much curious and interesting information upon the laws and law-making of the province, which none could give but Messrs. Moore and Goodell, who have made these subjects a specialty and have spent years in investigating them and in collecting materials illustrating them.

The pamphlet before us is, as the title states, "a summary vindication of the *Laws and Liberties*" of Massachusetts "concerning Attainders, with Corruption of Blood, Escheats, Forfeiture for Crime and Pardon of Offenders." It displays great learning, and is a thorough investigation of these subjects. In the appendix, besides other matters of value, is a detailed history of the Records of the General Court. The originals were all destroyed with the Court House in the fire of 1747, and what we have are only copies. It is interesting to follow, as Dr. Moore enables us to do, the action of the different legislatures on the subject of copying the records for preservation, and the zealous labors of that model secretary, Josiah Willard, in the cause.

The other pamphlet, "*Prytaneum Bostoniense or Notes on the History of the Old State House*," is a paper read in that ancient structure, May 12, 1885, before the Bostonian Society. It is a worthy companion to Mr. Whitmore's "*Old State House Memorial*," issued by the city, and shows that Mr. Whitmore's volume, replete as it is with memorials of the historic halls of that building, did not exhaust his subject. Indeed, we learn that Mr. Moore has enough matter for another paper which he is to read before that society in February.

*Colonel Alexander Rigby: A Sketch of his Career and Connection with Maine as Proprietor of the Plough Patent and President of the Province of Lygonia.* By CHARLES EDWARD BANKS, M.D. (Dart.). 1885. Privately Printed. Sm. 4to. pp. 57. Fifty copies printed.

Though Col. Rigby never visited New England, he appears prominently in the history of the colonization of Maine; and yet but few details of his life have been known to us. Dr. Banks by patient research has supplied our want, and shown him to us as he was known to his contemporaries in England. He was an ardent supporter of the Commonwealth and was entrusted with important offices. In this pamphlet we have also an account of the Plough Patent and the abortive attempts of the Familists who obtained the patent to colonize under it; also a history of the Province of Lygonia as administered by George Cleeves under Rigby's authority. The author treats these subjects exhaustively. A portrait of Rigby, heliotyped from a miniature in the possession of Towneley Rigby Knowles, Esq., of Pau, France, is a new attraction for us. A tabular pedigree, showing the descent from Adam Rigby of Wygan, his great-grandfather, is also given. This tract is a reprint from the *Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder*.

*Family Memorials. A Series of Genealogical and Biographical Monographs on the Families of Salisbury, Aldworth-Elbridge, Sewall, Pyldren-Dummer, Walley, Quincy, Gookin, Wendell, Breese, Chevalier-Anderson and Phillips. With Fifteen Pedigrees and an Appendix.* By EDWARD ELBRIDGE SALISBURY. 1885. Privately Printed. Price in cloth, \$20.00.

An accomplished scholar who has traversed many fields of learning, here presents in a superb folio volume of 696 pages (bound in boards in two half volumes), a his-

torical and genealogical account of several distinguished families—some of them among the most distinguished in New England—whose lines of descent converge in his own family and in his own person. Professor Salisbury has given years of time and thought and labor, and has devoted a considerable amount of money, in the first place, to the collection in this and other lands, of information of every kind relating to these families, then to the classification and arrangement of the material thus accumulated, and, more recently, to the compilation and publication of a portion of it, which is thus made available for contemporaneous use, and safe for the generations which are to come. He dedicates it to the Memory of the Fathers for the Sake of the Children. For undertaking such a task the author deserves the hearty thanks of all historical students; and for the success with which he has been able to carry out his generous and comprehensive purpose he is entitled to their congratulations. The first Mrs. Salisbury was Abigail Salisbury Phillips, of Boston, a cousin of her husband: the second, who has had an important share in the work now before us, was Evelyn McCurdy, daughter of the Hon. Charles J. McCurdy, of Lyme, Conn.

*By Hamilton Andrews Hill, A.M., of Boston.*

*L'Intermédiaire des Chercheurs et Curieux.* Fondé en 1864. LUCIEN FAUCON, Directeur. Paris, 13 rue Cujas. Published on the 10th and 25th of each month, in 8vo., 32 pages each. Terms in France, 16 francs per annum: abroad, 18 francs.

Students of French history will welcome the aid of this modest and useful serial in unfolding the details of many interesting events deemed too trivial for record by the contemporaneous chronicler, but subsequently found to be of commanding importance. It has an especial value to the searchers and gleaners amid the past manners, customs and habits of the French, in that it talks freely and without reserve concerning some matters not likely to be found elsewhere. Its independence is absolute, and the inviolability of correspondence guaranteed.

*By George A. Gordon, A.M., of Somerville, Mass.*

*New Chapter in the History of Concord Fight; Groton Minute Men at the North Bridge, April 19, 1775.* By WILLIAM W. WHEILDON. Boston: Lee & Shepard, Publishers, No. 10 Milk Street. 1885. 8vo. pp. 32.

Mr. Wheildon has done much to preserve the local history of Boston and vicinity, and particularly the incidents in the revolutionary history of this locality. The long list of works by him on the cover of this pamphlet show how much he has published, and how long he has been engaged in such labors.

He here prints the testimony which Artemas Wright of Ayer gives on the authority of his grandfather, Nathan Corey of Groton, concerning the Concord Fight. The arrival of cannon in Groton from Concord, it is stated, raised suspicions, and Corey and nine other minute men left Groton for that place on the evening of April 18, and were in Concord early the next morning, where they took part in the defence of the North Bridge. Mr. Wheildon draws attention to the importance of Paul Revere's first Ride to Lexington, Sunday, April 16th.

An appendix contains—1, a list of towns engaged in the events of the 19th April, 1775, with the losses of each and other particulars; 2, a description of the monuments, etc., erected to commemorate the events of that day.

A view of the "Old North Bridge" and the monument at Concord embellish the work. Mr. Wright's story was made the basis of a paper by Mr. Wheildon read before the Bostonian Society. This paper is here printed with additions.

*The Attempts made to Separate the West from the American Union. A Paper read before the Missouri Historical Society, February 4, 1885.* By the Rt. Rev. C. F. ROBERTSON, D.D., LL.D. St. Louis: 1885. 8vo. pp. 60.

This essay by Bishop Robertson gives a concise and interesting account of the machinations of the Spanish authorities in Louisiana Territory during the period following the American Revolution, and prior to the restoration of the territory to France, the object of the intrigues being to detach the territories now comprising the states of Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee and Indiana from the union, and to persuade them to seek Spanish protection. Considerable dissatisfaction prevailed in these territories from 1783-69, and even later, in consequence of the failure of congress to protect western interests, and especially the neglect or inability to secure from Spain a free navigation of the Mississippi in order that the products of the country might reach a market.

The author gives a brief history of the purchase of Louisiana from the French, and tells the story of Aaron Burr's conspiracy, in which he offers evidence of the disloyalty of Gen. Wilkinson, commander of the United States army. The pamphlet contains a map of the Mississippi valley, and portraits of Burr and Blennerhassett. The authorities for the historical statements are cited, and the paper shows extensive and thorough research.

By George K. Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.

*Archæologia Americana. Transactions and Collections of the American Antiquarian Society.* Vol. VII. *Note-Book kept by Thomas Lechford, Esq., Lawyer, in Massachusetts Bay, from June 27, 1638, to July 29, 1641.* Printed for the Society, at University Press, Cambridge. 1885. 8vo. pp. xxviii. + 460.

This note-book of the first lawyer in New England is one of the most valuable and interesting publications that we have noticed. It contains copies of the legal papers drawn by Thomas Lechford, and notes on the cases concerning which he was consulted or interested. The quaint old forms are both amusing and instructive to the lawyer of to-day; and to the historical student and the genealogist the note-book reveals the transactions and events from 1638 to 1641, in which many of the earliest settlers here were concerned. More important still, it gives the English homes of many persons, in some cases only confirming what we knew before, but in others giving facts before unknown, and perhaps vainly sought for. Copious notes are found on nearly every page, and the work is ably edited by Edward Everett Hale, Jr., who has availed to some extent of matter previously prepared by J. Hammond Trumbull, LL.D., Hon. Dwight Foster and others. Twenty-two pages are devoted to a sketch of Thomas Lechford by Dr. Trumbull, which gives some account of the difficulties into which Lechford's theological opinions led him. The birth-place and parentage of the author of "Plain Dealing" are not definitely known, but it is surmised that he may have belonged to a Lechford family in the county of Surrey. Various letters to Hugh Peters and other persons are found in the note-book, mostly on religious subjects, and it seems evident that his return to England was the result of the harshness with which he was treated here. There is also much relating to public affairs, such as addresses and "proposicons" to the Governor and General Court. It is unfortunate that a better method of indexing was not adopted. The book is attractive in appearance, and printed in the best manner.

By George K. Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.

*Woburn [Massachusetts]: an historical and descriptive sketch of the town, with an outline of its industrial interests.* Illustrated. Woburn: Published by the Board of Trade. 1885. The Riverside Press, Cambridge: Printed by H. O. Houghton and Company. Oblong 8vo. pp. 60. Illustrations by the Heliotype Printing Company, Boston. Price \$2.

This is a beautiful book, finely gotten up, with beautiful illustrations, and issued from the press of a first class establishment. In the limits of sixty pages are a neatly written historical sketch of the town,—which was incorporated in the year 1642, and which until within a comparatively recent period was devoted to little other than agricultural business,—and chapters on the geography, inhabitants and present business of the town, which is chiefly the manufacture of leather; in which business, with its present number of nearly twelve thousand inhabitants, the town leads all other places in New England. The writer of the business part of the work has performed his task in a really admirable manner, giving a comprehensive and clear view of the place as it now is, and its prospective advantages. Its accuracy as a sketch can be but little questioned; and the result of the work, as a whole, is no-wise disappointing. It could be wished, however, that more of the manufacturing establishments, stores and business blocks, could have found illustration in its pages. A few slight errors, patent to the local historian, are observable. The most serious one is the statement, on page 15, that the meeting-house of the first fifty years of the town's existence was the one located on the bluff or hill east of the present common, when it is well known that this one was the second edifice for town worship, the first edifice having been erected on the common itself. Both houses, however, belonged to this early period.

The Woburn Board of Trade was organized March 25, 1885, with the object of increasing the business, population and prosperity of the town, and this work is its first publication.

Communicated by William R. Cutter, Esq., Librarian Woburn Public Library.

*A Suggestion as to the Origin of the Plan of Savannah.* Remarks by WM. HARDEN before the Georgia Historical Society, Monday, Sept. 7th, 1885. 8vo. pp. 4.

In this pamphlet Mr. Harden, the librarian of the Georgia Historical Society, gives good reasons for believing that "The Villas of the Ancients Illustrated," by Robert Castell, a folio published in London in 1728, suggested to Oglethorpe the plan of Savannah.

*Some Observations on the Letters of Amerigo Vespucci.* By M. F. FORCE. Read before the Congrès International des Américanistes at Brussels, September, 1879. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1885. 8vo. pp. 24.

This is an interesting criticism of the letters of Amerigo Vespucci—or rather those attributed to him. We cannot examine Mr. Force's arguments in detail, but he certainly seems to prove—if proof is necessary—that the letters in question were not written by Vespucci. Truth is sure to prevail sooner or later.

By Daniel Rollins, Esq., of Boston, Mass.

*The Adventures and Discourses of Captain John Smith, some time President of Virginia and Admiral of New England. Newly Ordered* by JOHN ASHTON. London, Paris and New York: Cassell & Company. Limited. Post 8vo. pp. 309. Portraits and Illustrations.

This work, compiled by Mr. John Ashton, author of "Social Life in the Reign of Queen Anne," "Chap Books of the Eighteenth Century," and other works of a similar character, is an attempt to serve up for the popular taste the writings of the famous Captain John Smith. Mr. Ashton has boiled down Smith's verbosity and collated his various histories into a continued narrative, beginning with his parentage, and ending with the *post-mortem* adjudication of his estate. In a great part of the work Smith's exact language is retained, and the whole work is gotten up in the same vein as the "My Lady Pocahontas" of Mr. John Esten Cooke. For popular information it is admirably adapted, and will tend to increase the interest universally felt in this "thrice memorable adventurer." It contains, however, nothing new of historical or antiquarian interest, nor do we incline to the belief that Mr. Ashton intended it for the gratification of antiquaries. It is embellished with the well-known portraits of Smith and Pocahontas, and fac-similes of the original illustrations in his works.

By Charles E. Banks, M.D., of Chelsea, Mass.

*The Works of Hubert Howe Bancroft.* Vol. XIII.—*History of Mexico.* Vol. V. 1824—1861. San Francisco: A. L. Bancroft & Company, Publishers. 1885. 8vo. pp. xiii. and 812.

We have already noticed, with marked commendation, the great enterprise of Mr. Bancroft in the long series of volumes which he is publishing upon the various countries bordering upon the Pacific Coast. A literary scheme so wide and comprehensive as his, it is rare to find in any country, and readers are more and more convinced that it is not simply to cover an immense reach of time and space that these volumes are prepared, but that they hold the real history of these countries, the facts of which have been gathered with immense labor and care. The present volume of 812 pages, arranged in thirty chapters, the fifth volume of the Mexican History, covers the period from 1824 to 1861, including, of course, the exciting period of the war between the United States and Mexico. One more volume, as we understand, will complete the Mexican History.

By the Rev. Increase N. Tarbox, D.D., of West Newton, Mass.

*A Sketch of the Life and Works of Loammi Baldwin, Civil Engineer.* By GEORGE L. VOSE, Hayward Professor of Civil and Topographical Engineering in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Boston: Press of George H. Ellis. 1885. 8vo. pp. 28. With a heliotype portrait.

"There were," says the author of this pamphlet, "few works of internal improvement carried on during the first thirty years of the present century with which Mr. Baldwin was not connected; and his two great works, the government dry-docks at Charlestown and at Norfolk, stand to-day unsurpassed among the engineering structures of the country." Prof. Vose considers him the "Father of Civil Engineering in America." And yet very little concerning him is known to the present generation. The author has done well to collect from scattered sources the details of his life and preserve them in these pages. Mr. Baldwin's father, who

bore the same christian name, and his brother James F. (Reg. xix. 97), were also distinguished as engineers.

*Chairs of New England Governors.* By the Rev. EDMUND F. SLAFTER, A.M. Boston: The Society's House, 18 Somerset Street. 1885. 8vo. pp. 8.

This is a "Report made at the annual meeting of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, January 7, 1885, on the acquisition of memorial chairs, which had belonged to distinguished governors of the several New England states, to occupy the dais of the public hall of the Society." It is reprinted from the annual proceedings for 1885. The governors are John Hancock of Massachusetts, Hiland Hall of Vermont, Israel Washburn of Maine, Marshall Jewell of Connecticut, Charles H. Bell of New Hampshire, and John Brown Francis of Rhode Island. Biographical sketches of each are given.

*Inauguration of the Perry Statue, September 10, A.D. 1885. With the Addresses of William P. Sheffield and the Remarks on Receiving the Statue by Governor Wetmore and Mayor Franklin; with the Speeches at the Dinner, and an Appendix.* Newport, R. I.: John P. Sanborn, Publisher. 1885. 8vo. pp. 60.

On September 10, 1885, a notable company assembled at the inauguration of the Perry Statue in Newport, R. I. The beloved Bishop Clark was the chaplain of the day. Our great historian, Hon. George Bancroft, was present and made an eloquent address. The oration was by Hon. W. P. Sheffield, chairman of the committee, who gave a vivid account of the battle of Lake Erie. He was followed by Governor Wetmore and Mayor Franklin, Justices Blatchford and Durfee, and Admirals Rodgers, Almy and Luce, who also made interesting addresses. The church, the civil authority and the navy were well represented on the occasion. Many distinguished men and fair women were present in the audience. They all honored themselves by gathering on the anniversary of the battle of Lake Erie to pay their respects to the memory of the departed hero.

There stands the beautiful and life-like statue opposite the house in which Perry lived. It is fitting that his own state should remember the services which he rendered. Oliver Hazard Perry has an enduring fame as the first American officer who captured a British squadron. We know how bravely he fought on his flag-ship the *Lawrence*, until all his cannon were dismounted and all but eight of his crew were killed or wounded. He then put off with a boat's crew for the *Niagara*, which was now to be his flag-ship. Signal was given to break the enemy's line, and the *Niagara* bore down upon the British centre, discharging broadsides into the *Detroit*, *Queen Charlotte*, *Chippewa*, *Lady Provost* and the *Hunter*. She was followed by the rest of the American squadron, the battle became general and lasted three hours. The British line of battle was broken, their decks were strewn with the dying and the dead, and they could hold out no longer. Perry went aboard the *Lawrence* and received their surrender. He then visited the wounded *Barclay*, the English commander, and tendered him and the wounded on both sides every service in his power. Neither did he forget the reverent burial of the dead. This brilliant victory was not easily gained, for he fought British veterans who had served under Lord Nelson at *Trafalgar*. Sheer hard work and bull-dog tenacity—qualities inherent in English blood wherever found—won the battle. Perry then wrote the historic lines to Gen. Harrison, "We have met the enemy and they are ours." Terse and vigorous message, showing the author to be a man of action, not of words. In his despatch to the Secretary of the Navy he mentioned the capture of all the enemy's squadron, namely: two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop. This was a very important victory in our second war for Independence, as Edward Everett used to call it, for it was a turning point in our affairs in the north-west: Perry did not live long to fulfill the promise of his early manhood, for at the age of thirty-four he was attacked with yellow fever at the island of *Trinidad*, and died there August 23, 1819. His gallant spirit returned to Him who gave it. His mortal body found a temporary resting place at *Port Spain*, but was afterwards removed on a man-of-war to *Newport* in his native state. Like the great Napoleon he sleeps in the land he "loved so well."

"Hark, how the sacred calm that breathes around,  
Bids every fierce, tumultuous passion cease;  
In still small accents whispering from the ground,  
A grateful earnest of eternal peace."

By Daniel Rollins, Esq., of Boston.



*History of the Goodricke Family.* Edited by CHARLES ALFRED GOODRICKE. London: Printed for the Editor by Hazell, Watson and Viney. Limited. 1885. Imp. 8vo. pp. 62.

*Miscellanea Marescalliana, being Genealogical Notes on the Surname Marshall.* Collected by GEORGE WILLIAM MARSHALL, LL.D. Vol. II. Part I. Exeter, 1885. 8vo. pp. 142.

*Genealogy of the Family of George Weekes of Dorchester, Mass., 1635-1650: with some Information in regard to other Families of the Name.* By ROBERT D. WEEKES. 1885. Press of L. J. Hardham, Newark, N. J. 8vo. pp. 468. Price \$3 in cloth; higher prices for extra binding.

*Phillips Genealogies, including the Family of George Phillips, First Minister of Watertown, Mass. [and Other Families].* Compiled by ALBERT M. PHILLIPS. Auburn, Mass. 1885. 8vo. pp. 233.

*Descendants of the Brothers Jeremiah and John Wood.* Compiled by WILLIAM S. WOOD, Supt. City Schools, Seymour, Ind. Worcester, Mass.: Press of Charles Hamilton. 1885. 8vo. pp. 292.

*Descendants of Peter Willemsse Roome.* 1883. 8vo. pp. 348+62.

*The Bontecou Genealogy. A Record of the Descendants of Pierre Bontecou, a Huguenot Refugee from France in the Lines of his Sons.* Compiled by JOHN E. MORRIS. Hartford, Conn. Press of Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company. 1885. 8vo. pp. 271.

*Leighton Genealogy. An Account of the Descendants of Capt. William Leighton of Kittery, Maine.* By TRISTRAM FROST JORDAN, of Metuchen, N. J. Albany, N. Y.: Press of Joel Munsell's Sons. 1885. 8vo. pp. 127. Price \$1.

*Genealogical Memoranda. Snively. A.D. 1659-A.D. 1892.* Compiled and Arranged by (Rev.) WILLIAM ANDREW SNIVELY (S.T.D.). Brooklyn, N. Y. Printed for Private Circulation. 1893. Sm. 4to. pp. 77.

*Genealogy of the Perrin Family.* Compiled by GLOVER PERIN. St. Paul: Pioneer Press. 1885. 12mo. pp. 224.

*The Genealogy of the Family of Gamaliel Gerould, Son of Dr. Jaques (or James) Jerauld of the Province of Languedoc, France.* Bristol, N. H. Enterprise Power Press Co. 1885. 8vo. pp. 85. Price \$1.

*Sketch and Genealogy of the First Three Generations of the Connecticut Haydens, With a Map showing the Locality in which they Settled.* By JABEZ H. HAYDEN, of Windsor Locks, Conn. Hartford, Conn. Press of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company, 1885. 8vo. pp. 20.

*Genealogical Notes. 1. American Ancestry of U. S. Grant.* By Dr. H. E. ROBINSON. Privately Printed. 1885. 18mo. pp. 17. Only 50 copies printed.

*The Doings at the First National Gathering of Thurstons at Newburyport, Mass., June 24, 25, 1885.* Portland, Me.: Brown Thurston, Publisher. 1885. 8vo. pp. 75.

*Second Annual Reunion of the Hartwell Family.* 1885. 8vo. pp. 15.

*Hamlin.* 1885. Royal 8vo. pp. 4.

*Hampton Lane Family Memorial. A reprint of the Address at the Funeral of Dea. Joshua Lane of Hampton, N. H. (who was killed by lightning, June 14, 1766), by his son Dea. Jeremiah Lane of Hampton Falls, with Sketches of his Ancestry and Families to the fourth generation from William Lane of Boston, Mass., 1651.* By Rev. JAS. P. LANE. Norton: Printed by Lane Brothers. 1885. 18mo. pp. 35. Price 25 cents, for sale by the Rev. J. P. Lane, Norton.

*The New England Royalls.* By EDWARD DOUBLEDAY HARRIS. Boston: David Clapp & Son, Printers. 1885. Royal 8vo. pp. 27.

We continue this quarter our notices of recently published genealogical works.

The Goodricke family, which heads our list, is the work announced in our January number as in preparation. Our expectations of it have been fully realized. The author, Mr. Goodricke, of London, has been very successful in collecting, from public and private records, printed books and other sources, ample materials illustrating the history of this prominent English family, which is here traced in an unbroken line to 1493. Families have been seated in the Counties of Lincoln, Suffolk, Cambridge, Norfolk and York. The book has a special interest in this country from the connection of Gov. Richard Bellingham with this family (REGISTER,

xxxvi. 381-6), from which the American Goodriches are probably an offshoot. Tabular pedigrees and full biographies of the more prominent members of the family are given. The book is handsomely printed, and illustrated by portraits of Thomas Goodricke, bishop of Ely, 1534, and the Rt. Hon. Sir Henry Goodricke, bart., ambassador to Spain, 1681-3, and other engravings. A few copies only remain in the author's hands.

Miscellanea Mariscalliana, the next book, is the first part of a second volume of the work noticed by us April, 1884, of which fifty copies were printed for presentation to institutions and friends. Dr. Marshall has for about a quarter of a century been collecting genealogical facts relative to his family name.

The Weeks genealogy is a work of much labor, and is carefully compiled. The descendants of George Weekes fill more than half the volume, and the index takes about fifty pages. The rest is devoted to other families of the name in various parts of the country. The book is well printed and bound, and is illustrated by numerous portraits and autographs.

The Phillips volume contains, besides the posterity of the Rev. George Phillips, of Watertown, among whom are many distinguished characters, descendants of Ebenezer of Southboro', Thomas of Duxbury, Thomas of Marshfield, John of Easton, James of Ipswich, and others. Till this book appeared, the fullest account of the Phillipses was in Bond's Watertown. The volume is compiled with great care, has many fine portraits, and is well indexed, well printed and well bound.

The volume on the Wood family is a very full record of the descendants of two brothers, Jeremiah Wood of Littleton, and Dea. John Wood of Framingham. The writer of this notice knows that much labor has been spent in gathering materials for this book, and the success which has crowned Mr. Wood's labors is a reward for his perseverance under the apparently hopeless prospect which met him in his investigations in the early generations. The book is well arranged and has good indexes. It is illustrated by a number of fine portraits.

The author of the book on the Roome family is P. R. Warner, Esq., who is maternally descended from it. The immigrant ancestor, Peter Willemse Roome, was married in New York, Nov. 26, 1684, to Hester Van Gelder. The author has been very successful in obtaining a full record of their descendants, which he presents to his readers in clear typography. The book is well indexed.

The Bontecou volume is devoted to the posterity of Pierre Bontecou, a merchant of Rochelle, who was driven by persecution from France, and after staying awhile in England settled in 1699 in New York. The descendants recorded in this handsomely printed volume number one thousand. There is here a history of the name, which is said to be of Dutch or Flemish origin, and appears in the form of Bontekoe. The book has a good index.

The Leighton genealogy is by Mr. Jordan, the author of the Jordan book noticed by us in October, 1882. Besides the descendants of Capt. Leighton it contains notes of the families of Frost, Hill, Banc, Wentworth, Langdon, Bragdon, Parsons, Pepperrell, Fernald and Nason; and also brief memoirs of Major Charles Frost of Kittery, and Capt. John Hill of Berwick, Me. The book is well arranged, printed and indexed. It is illustrated with portraits.

The volume on the Snively family relates to the descendants of Johann Jacob Schnebele, who was born in Switzerland in 1659, and to avoid persecution came, in 1714, to America, settling in Lancaster County, Pa. The basis of this work is a Genealogical Register by Joseph Snively, published about twenty years ago, in which some of the older data were preserved. The author of the present work, the Rev. Dr. Snively, has added much to it and has had it neatly printed in a volume.

The Perrin volume is compiled by Asst. Surgeon General Perin, U.S.A., of Fort Snelling, Minn. It contains the descendants of John Perryn who settled at Brantree, and afterward removed to Rehoboth, where he died Sept. 13, 1674. The work is well arranged, with an index of christian names. Blank pages with headings for additions are interspersed through the volume.

The Gerould genealogy is by the Rev. Samuel L. Gerould, of Goffstown, N. H., well known as a painstaking antiquary. Dr. Jaques or James Jerauld, the stirps of this family, was a Huguenot, who settled in Medfield, probably in the beginning of the last century. The descendants of his grandson Jabez, who reside mostly in Pennsylvania, have held several quinquennial meetings, and this volume is the result of action at the last meeting, September, 1884. It is well arranged and printed, and has three indexes.

The next genealogy, that of the Hayden family of Connecticut, descended from

William Hayden, an early settler of Hartford, gives three generations, both in narrative and in tabular form.

Dr. Robinson's pamphlet on Gen. Grant's ancestry is the first of a series of Genealogical Notes. It was first published in the *Republican*, Maryville, Nodaway Co., Mo., Aug. 13, 1885. The first person to trace Gen. Grant's ancestry to his immigrant ancestor, Matthew Grant of Windsor, was Hon. Richard A. Wheeler of Stonington, Ct. (*REGISTER*, xxi. 174). The present pamphlet is a reliable and interesting compilation.

The Thurston pamphlet gives the proceedings at the gathering of that family at Newburyport, June 24, 1885. The opening address was by Hon. Ariel S. Thurston, of Elmyra, N. Y., as were also the remarks at the site of the old homestead. "A history of the Thurston Genealogies," by Brown Thurston, of Portland, Me., was read by Rev. John R. Thurston.

The Hartwell pamphlet contains the exercises at the meeting of that family at Concord, Mass., Sept. 18, 1885. Remarks were made by L. W. Densmore, of Hillsboro' Centre, N. H., who is preparing a genealogy of the name, and by other prominent descendants of William Hartwell of Concord.

The leaves on the Hamlin are by the late Professor Charles E. Hamlin, of Cambridge, and were prepared as material for Mr. Daniels, of Oxford, Mass., now engaged on a history of that town, and are printed for preservation.

The Lane pamphlet is described in its title. Rev. Mr. Lane deserves the thanks of his relatives for reprinting the funeral sermon and adding the genealogical appendix.

The Royall genealogy is reprinted from the *REGISTER* for October last, with large and important additions. Before Mr. Harris undertook his task, the genealogy of the Royall family was very imperfectly known, and it required extensive research to reduce it into order.

#### NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

JOHN HARVARD AND CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—An English correspondent writes as follows:

"The two signatures of John Harvard are in the Subscription Book. Here every person, on admission to a degree, subscribed his name in token of his assent to the Royal Supremacy, the authority of Holy Scripture and the Thirty-Nine Articles of the Church of England. The declaration on these points is written, and then each person for himself acknowledges his assent to it. The order adopted is by Colleges, and Harvard's signature appears amongst those from Emmanuel on taking his B.A. degree in 1631 and his M.A. in 1635, the latter being much the better of the two. These books go back to 1613, when subscription was first required, and the originals have been preserved from that time to this day; and, as I need not say, are of the highest interest. Subscription, properly so called, has been abolished, but persons admitted to degrees still sign the book. Amongst recent signatures of interest, that of your distinguished fellow citizen, 'Robert Charles Winthrop,' caught my eye. The Register of which Mr. Shuckburgh wrote to you (*REG.* xxxix. 327) as having been preserved since 1544, is the Matriculation Register, but this does not contain the signatures of the persons matriculated. Signatures go back only to the period when subscription began, which, as I have said, was in 1613.

"The only original record of the period which Emmanuel College possesses is a book with the heading '*Recepta ab ingredientibus*,' which begins November 1, 1584, the year of the foundation of the College. This book I have examined. I transcribe the first two names in the list headed, 'From Oct. 25, 1627.' The payment on entrance seems to have been, for a fellow commoner, who is styled 'Mr.,' £5; for a pensioner 10 shillings, and for a sizar 2s. 6d. Thus Harvard is shown to have been a pensioner.

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"The list has been conjectured to be a summary of previous more detailed entries, but I found no sufficient evidence to support this conjecture.

"It seems to me that, in this Harvard matter, confusion has arisen through lack

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of accuracy in designating things, and in particular that the word 'Register' has been, and is often, used inexactly. 'Matriculation Register of Emmanuel College' is wrong. Matriculation is an act, the record of which is kept by the University, and not by the College of the person matriculating. Each College keeps an Admission Register, but that of Emmanuel is not existing for Harvard's date. The 'Recepta ab ingredientibus' is the sole contemporary record of the kind which the College possesses. The Matriculation Register—which by the way I do not find has ever been consulted on this point—is not a book of signatures, whereas the Subscription Book, as its name implies, consists of nothing but signatures.

"I hope in due course we shall have a satisfactory volume touching John Harvard which will comprise all that is known of him, both on this side and on yours. It is a great mistake to isolate such a man. We want to know his surroundings, and to have grouped about him, for instance, his contemporaries at Emmanuel. I will give you an instance of what I mean by referring to two of those contemporaries. One is Sancroft, whose name is specially associated with Emmanuel, of which he became Master. Later still he was Archbishop of Canterbury, and was chief of the Seven who were sent to the Tower by James II. In spite of this hard usage he refused to swear allegiance to William III., was deprived and retired to a small patrimony at Fressingfield in Suffolk. Here he died. This on one side. On the other was Whichcote, who having taken his degree, and therefore having subscribed to the above described 'three articles,' was yet not only a good puritan, but was so good a republican that, thanks to the favor of the Cromwellites, he became the intended Provost of Kings, and thus had under his care that grandest monument of English ecclesiastical architecture in its latest development—royal not alone in its founder and in its benefactors, but in itself—King's College Chapel.

"This kind of matter would add, I think, much to the interest of any biography of Harvard. The influence of Emmanuel upon the University at large was great during the puritan sway. It furnished, if I remember, not fewer than twelve heads of Houses, most of whom, if not all, had, of course, to retire at the restoration."

The entry in the "Recepta," in which Harvard is recorded as of Middlesex, caused some to think that Col. Chester was wrong when he expressed the opinion that he was a son of Robert Harvard of Southwark in Surrey (Reg. xxxvi. 319); but Mr. Waters's researches furnish a sufficient explanation. After Robert Harvard's death his widow married John Elletson, of London. Though John Harvard was not matriculated at Cambridge University till a year after his step-father's death, it is probable that his mother continued to reside in London till her marriage to Richard Yearwood, and that she resided there when the above entry was made.—EDITOR.

BRITISH STAMP FOR AMERICA, 1765.—A facsimile of the stamp for the British colonies, issued under the act of March 22, 1765, is given in the margin. It was engraved for the "Centennial of the Incorporation of Charleston, S. C.," 1883, and was loaned to Mr. Colburn of the publishing committee by the Hon. William A. Courtenay, mayor of that city. The following description of the stamps is copied from the *American Journal of Numismatics*, July, 1885, p. 20:

"They were embossed on a coarse, bluish paper, and bore the device of the English rose, crowned, surrounded by the motto of the Garter. At the left of the crown was the letter A. Above was the word America, and below, the value. On the face of the stamp at the right will be observed an oblong space, showing where a piece of lead or tin was inserted, by which the stamp was attached to the document, passing through them both, and covered behind by a counter-stamp, somewhat smaller, bearing the device of a crown and the cypher G. R. This counter-stamp was printed on similar, but usually white, paper. An illustration of a smaller denomination is given in Lossing's "Field Book of the Revolution," vol. ii.; but it lacks the word 'America,' which will be observed on this."

These stamps are rare; but the Hon. Dr. Samuel A. Green, librarian of the Massachusetts Historical Society, has two specimens, and that society has three more.

Ten years before the famous "Stamp Act" of 1765, the Province of Massachusetts passed a somewhat similar act, which is printed entire in the Register for July,



1860, vol. xiv. pp. 267-70, with descriptions of the stamps issued under it. The act was passed at the January session of the General Court, 1755, and was to continue in force two years. Holmes, in his "Annals of America," placed the act under the year 1759, an error which has been followed by later writers.

**THE HUGUENOT EMIGRATION TO VIRGINIA.**—The Virginia Historical Society announces that it will issue early in 1886, as its annual publication, "Documents Relating to the Huguenot Emigration to Virginia," to form Volume V. of its new series of collections (edited by R. A. Brock, Esq.), and to be uniform with the preceding volumes of the "Spotswood Letters" and the "Dinwiddie Papers." The documents to compose the prospective volume are of the highest importance and interest, a majority of them never having been printed in any form. It is desired that they shall be amply elucidated by introduction and definite foot notes to the text, historical and biographical, and, if feasible, by genealogical addenda. Among the more familiar names appearing in the documents may be mentioned the following: Amis, Apperson, Ayer, Allegre, Ammonet, Bernard, Bondurant, Brian, Cury, Chastain, Deneille, Duval, Dupre, Dupuy (or DuPuy), Esly, Edmon, Elson, Fontaine, Flournoy, Faure, Godse, Gore, Gillam, Guerrant, Hampton (or Hamton), Jourdan, Kempe, Leroy, LeFebvre, Leverre, Lesueur, LeGrand, Landon, Loucadou, Lacy, Mallet, Michel, Morriset, Maupain, Marye, Morrel, Martain, Orringe, Pasteur, Pero, Peronet, Parrat, Pankey, Popham, Rich, Roberd, Reno, Sumtur, Soullie, Salle, Soblet, Trabu, Taller, Trent.

The contribution of data, however meagre, towards some notice of these names, or of any others of like origin and connection, or of any document (or copy) relating to the Huguenot settlement in Virginia, is earnestly solicited from those interested. Address the editor, Richmond, Va.

The publications of the Society have been in limited editions for distribution among its members and kindred institutions. The annual subscription to the Society is \$5—no entrance fee; life-membership, \$50.

**COL. CHESTER'S OXFORD MATRICULATIONS AND MARRIAGE LICENCES,** EDITED BY JOSEPH FOSTER.—Mr. Foster, the well-known genealogist, author of the British Peerage and Baronetage, and other works, has recently purchased, at a cost exceeding £1000, the late Col. Chester's Oxford Matriculations Registers, 7 Vols., and Marriage Licences, 5 Vols., with the intention of printing these intrinsically priceless MSS. uniformly with the publications of the Harleian Society, for the advantage of his numerous genealogical friends in America, as a memorial of the great and good work he did for them in England. He makes this preference because, so far as England is concerned, he would like to retain for himself the monopoly of these manuscripts, and because he believes the American people will appreciate the labors of their own countryman far more fully than Englishmen would, as the proposed work will enable them to place printed copies of these distant and inaccessible Old England registers on the shelves of their very own libraries ready for immediate reference. He therefore appeals to Americans to reciprocate his efforts, and hold him harmless from pecuniary loss, by subscribing for 250 copies of these works, which he desires to print only for them.

It is obvious that a work on such a scale as this can only be produced at a great cost. Including the very heavy sum paid for Col. Chester's manuscripts, and the vast amount of trained labor involved in transcribing them for publication (the annotation the editor proposes to do himself as a labor of love), the actual expense of bringing out the work is estimated as between two and three thousand pounds. It cannot be expected that so great an expense should be incurred till sufficient promises of support have been received to warrant the editor in putting it in hand without prospect of heavy loss. The Oxford Matriculations will be issued in two volumes at a subscription price of ten guineas. As an inducement for Col. Chester's friends and American genealogists to coöperate with the editor, the work will be offered at nine guineas to those who subscribe for two copies, and at eight guineas to those who subscribe for three.

The Marriage Licences will be issued in five large royal octavo volumes, at £2. 12s. 6d. a volume.

This enterprise is heartily commended by the editor of the REGISTER to the patronage of the American people.

Mr. Foster's address is 21 Boundary Road, London, N. W., England.

**CHURCH BELLS OF SUFFOLK, ENGLAND.**—The Rev. John James Raven, D.D., who has recently been appointed to the Vicarage of Fressingfield, near Harleston, England, having now more leisure than his previous duties permitted, has resumed his labors upon the "Church Bells of Suffolk," which have long engaged his attention. The inscriptions, commemorative of donors and others, existing on the bells, doubtless preserve many old Suffolk names, and Dr. Raven's recognized qualifications for the task he has undertaken lead to the belief that his work will be a valuable contribution to the history of an English county which is of much interest to us on this side of the Atlantic.

**THE BICKNELLS: THE 250th ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR SETTLEMENT IN AMERICA.**—In the year 1635 a company of emigrants from the counties of Somerset and Dorset, England, under the pastoral care of Rev. Joseph Hull, sailed from Weymouth and arrived in New England. The company consisted of twenty-one families, and on application to the court sitting at New Town, July 8, they "were allowed to sit down at Wessagusset," now Weymouth. Of this company were Zachary Bicknell, age 45, Agnes Bicknell, age 27, John Bicknell, 11, and their servant John Kitchen. Zachary died in 1638, and Agnes his wife married Richard Rockett, of Braintree. John, the son, married Mary — as his first wife, and Mary Dyer for his second wife. The issue of the two marriages was eleven children, whose descendants now dwell in large numbers in the old home town, and others are scattered over the continent. In 1878 a family association was formed, with Hon. Thomas W. Bicknell, LL.D., of Boston, president, Alfred Bicknell, Esq., Melrose, secretary, and Robert T. Bicknell, Esq., Weymouth, treasurer. This association has, through its historian Quincy Bicknell, Esq., of Hingham, collected a large amount of genealogical matter, which will be printed in due season. The two hundred and fiftieth anniversary was celebrated with interesting proceedings in Boston, October 6 and 7, and at Weymouth October 8. The address of welcome was given by Edward Bicknell, Esq., of Boston. A paper on the Bicknell name was read by Ellery Bicknell Crane, of Worcester, in which he traced the root to De Bec or Becce, of Normandy; the word Bicknell being a compound of Bec, a brook and knoll, a hill; or a brook by the hill. The principal address was given by Hon. Thomas Williams Bicknell, president of the association. Poems were read from Alfred Bicknell, Esq., and Mrs. L. M. Hopkins. Rev. George W. Bicknell, of Lowell, gave an address on the Bicknells in the military service. A family dinner followed, with addresses and letters from Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, LL.D., Hon. John D. Long, Gov. George D. Robinson, and members of the family. The occasion was one of great profit. The addresses will be printed by the family, and arrangements will be made to publish a family history at an early day. The artistic programme was the work of Frank A. Bicknell, of Malden.

**DESCENDANTS OF THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.**—I am preparing a work to be entitled: "The Signers of the Declaration of Independence and their Descendants." It will be of a biographical and genealogical character, the fundamental feature, however, being a genealogy of all the descendants of the fifty-six "Signers" down to the present day. The value of such a work, from a historical point of view, must be instantly conceded.

The magnitude of the labor required in the preparation of such a volume will be recognized after a moment's reflection. So stupendous is the task that I would not presume to undertake it were it not that I confidently look for the coöperation of those descendants of the "Signers" who have it in their power to supply necessary data.

I therefore make this appeal, to wit: that I be furnished, at an early day, with the names and P. O. addresses of all those descendants of "Signers" to whose notice this statement shall come. All others interested in genealogical matters are earnestly requested to favor me with any relevant data or information in their possession.

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Mem. Phila. Bar, Mem. Hist. Soc. of Pa., Mem.  
Numis. and Ant. Soc. of Philadelphia, etc.

**UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS IN EUROPE RELATING TO AMERICA, 1773-84.**—Mr. B. F. Stevens, of London, England, has been engaged for about twenty years in collecting unpublished manuscripts relating to the Revolutionary War, from the public and private archives of England, France, Holland and Spain; and has issued a circular letter concerning this great work, and a proof specimen of the proposed form of publication. He has "made entries of 80,000 documents within the scope of this work, the great majority of which have never been published. This collection of manuscripts is of priceless value, and the history of the Revolution can never be properly written till the papers are accessible to students.

Mr. Stevens desires that the United States government should aid him in his great undertaking. We trust that an appropriation will be made sufficient to place printed copies of these documents in the libraries of this country and in the hands of our historians.

**GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think will be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from college or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of births, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

**Ballard.** By C. F. Farlow, of Newton, Mass.—Mr. Farlow has much material concerning the descendants of William and Grace Ballard, of Andover, and solicits information from parties interested.

**Eliot.** By Rev. John E. Elliott, of Bridgewater, Ct.—Mr. Elliott is collecting facts in regard to those who have the surname of Eliot, Elyot, Elyott, Elliot or Elliott. He will furnish circulars to applicants. Any facts concerning persons of this name in any of its various spellings, will be thankfully received.

**Foster.** By Paymaster Joseph Foster, U.S.N., Naval Asylum, Philadelphia, Pa.—The book which will soon be put to press will be entitled "The Grandchildren of Col. Joseph Foster; his Life and Ancestors"—it being the second edition, revised and much enlarged, of "The Grandchildren of Col. Joseph Foster, of Ipswich and Gloucester, Mass., 1730-1804," noticed in the October REGISTER. It will be for the interest of every descendant to have his or her name inserted.

**Harris.** By C. F. Farlow, of Newton, Mass.—A history of the descendants of John and Amy (Hills) Harris, of Charlestown, is in preparation. Persons interested are requested to furnish records of this family.

**Jessup.** By Rev. Henry G. Jesup, of Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.—This work will include a history of Edward Jessup of West Farms, Westchester County, N. Y., and a genealogical record of his descendants of all names. Information is solicited as to other families of the same name, of which there are several in this country and Canada, especially as to what is known of their English ancestry.

**Kimball.** By Leonard A. Morrison, A.M., of Windham, N. H., author of "History of the Morrison Family."—Mr. Morrison is preparing a History and Genealogy of the Kimball Family—descendants of Richard, of Ipswich, Mass., and requests all possible information, from any source, in regard to the genealogy and history of the family.

**Robinson.** By Charles E. Robinson, Boulevard and 117th Street, New York City.—This book, now preparing for publication, will be devoted to the descendants of George Robinson, an early settler of Rehoboth, Mass.

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*The Civil, Political, Professional and Ecclesiastical History and Commercial and Industrial Record of the County of Kings and the City of Brooklyn, N. Y., from 1683 to 1884.* By HENRY R. STILES, A.M., M.D., Editor-in-chief. Assisted by L. B. PROCTOR, Esq., and L. P. BROCKWELL, A.M., M.D. With Portraits, Biographies and Illustrations. New York: W. W. Munsell & Co., Publishers. Imp. 4to. pp. 98.

This bulky volume contains a vast amount of matter, illustrating the history of Brooklyn and Kings County, in its various phases; "civil, political, professional, ecclesiastical, and industrial." The editor-in-chief, Henry R. Stiles, M.D., has had much experience in historical writing, and the publishers of this work were very fortunate in obtaining his services to prepare and supervise the great work which they have given to the public. Dr. Stiles's first historical book, the "History of Ancient Windsor," published more than a quarter of a century ago, gave him a reputation which his subsequent works have increased. His "History of Brooklyn," in three thick octavo volumes, one of the most thorough and satisfactory local histories that have yet appeared, had particularly fitted him for the present undertaking. The following extract from his preface will show why he undertook the work, and the spirit in which he has performed the labor on which he has been engaged for the last three years:

"In presenting to the public this 'History of Kings County and the City of Brooklyn,' a few words of explanation and acknowledgment are due. The preparation of so large a mass of historical, biographical and statistical information as is contained in these pages (equivalent to nearly 4,000 pages octavo) was undertaken by the publisher in a spirit of enterprise and liberality before unequalled in works of this character. By myself, the charge of its editing was accepted in a spirit of loyalty to the best interests of a city in which, for many years, I was a resident, and of which I had formerly been the historian. My long familiarity with the ground, and my acquaintance with its leading citizens, encouraged me to believe that such a work would be most acceptable to them, and would secure their

general interest and personal co-operation. The result has more than justified my anticipations. From the moment of my entrance upon the work I have been cheered by a renewal of the same generous response to my requests for information, and by the same personal encouragement from all classes of citizens, which attended my former efforts in behalf of the 'History of Brooklyn.'

Dr. Stiles's assistants, Mr. Proctor and Dr. Brockett, are both well known by their writings, the former being the author of "The Bench and Bar of the State of New York," "Lives of Eminent American Statesmen" and other works; while the latter was the statistical editor of the "New American" and "Johnson's Cyclopaedia," and is the author of "Our Western Empire," and kindred books.

Separate histories of the several towns in the county are furnished, prepared by able authors who have given particular attention to the history of the different localities. Special topics are also treated exhaustively by writers of ability. Besides having a general superintendence of the work, Dr. Stiles has contributed a large portion of the separate articles. Mrs. Lamb, in a notice of the work in the *Magazine of American History*, pronounces it, "the best county history that has yet been issued from the American press," in which opinion we fully concur. She adds: "Dr. Stiles seems to have borne constantly in mind, the general scope of the whole, and the relations of its several parts to the other, and thus has been able to secure a nearer approach to harmony of detail than is usually found in similar publications."

The work is printed in the best manner on white heavy paper, and is handsomely bound. It is profusely illustrated by portraits, of which there are not less than two hundred; and by buildings, views, maps, etc.

*The Siege and Capture of Fort Loyall; Destruction of Falmouth, May 20, 1690 (O.S.). A paper read before the Maine Genealogical Society, June 2, 1885. By JOHN T. HULL. Printed by order of City Council of Portland. Owen, Strout & Co., printers. 1885. 8vo. pp. 116.*

The printing of the above interesting monograph by the authorities of the City of Portland as "a valuable contribution to our local history, treating as it does of the earliest settlements within the present city limits, the preservation and perpetuation of which properly belongs to the city as a part of its records, of which relating to this matter, there is at present in its archives not a single fragment," evinced a very proper appreciation by them of the labors of Mr. Hull in collating all the obtainable material relative to a thrilling episode of the early history of Falmouth (now Portland).

Concentrating his efforts upon one epoch, he has not only brought together extracts from some fifty recognized authorities, quoting therefrom two hundred and seventy-five passages, but has also dug out and brought to light thirty-three original documents bearing upon this subject, many of which were found among the Massachusetts Archives. These forgotten or overlooked bits of evidence supply many a missing link, the digging out and forging of which into a chain of binding and irrefragable history has been a task heretofore exceeding the patience of our earlier historic writers, and is therefore the more creditable to Mr. Hull.

The pamphlet is ornamented as well as explained by a beautiful map of ancient Falmouth, that is invaluable alike to the historical student, the investigator of ancient titles and the present owners and occupants of those historic sites. A very thorough index, carefully prepared, affords desirable access to particular passages and every proper name.

The paper, taken as a whole, exceeded the reasonable expectations of the members of the Society, at whose request its elaboration was undertaken; and so far as it deals with the narration of events is graphically and forcibly written, and will prove a source of gratification to the descendants of the worthy sires who experienced such noble sacrifices, privations and sufferings, the alternations of defeat and ultimate success, that finally wrested from savage foes the goodly heritage of such fair fields. As to the conclusions and deductions of the author, he is open to the criticism of writing from a partisan stand-point; and his strictures upon the course of Massachusetts and her alleged neglect of her annexed District of Maine will not only fail of carrying conviction to the ardent supporters of her cause, but are apparently irreconcilable to certain passages and authorities he has cited; indeed the weight of evidence as adduced and printed seems against the author on certain material points. But Mr. Hull is entitled to the just praise of suppressing nothing that bears on either side of this argument; and as these conclusions are avowed to

be only his own, they do not preclude the formation of other and quite divergent ones by his readers.

His foot notes contain so much reliable information of our early settlers; so many facts that if known were too widely scattered to be found without wearisome research, and add so generally to a full and fair understanding of events concurrent with the text, that they justify the very considerable space they occupy, doubling at least the length of the original paper.

The fertility of resources developed by this systematic research into a single chapter of our history, indicates but a part of the historic gems in store for a thorough investigator of our general history; and with the encouragement of such grateful recognition as this effort has already received may serve to stimulate others to bring together a set of jewels that will brighten and adorn our civic crown.

By William M. Sargent, A.M., of Portland, Maine.

*The Glasse of Time, in the First Age. Divinely handled.* By THOMAS PEYTON, of Lincolnes Inn, Gent. Seene and Allowed. London: Printed by Bernard Alsop, for Lawrence Chapman, and are to be sold at his shop over against Staple Inne. 1630. *The Glasse of Time, in the Second Age. Divinely handled.* By THOMAS PEYTON, of Lincolnes Inne, Gent. Seene and Allowed. London: Printed by Bernard Alsop, for Lawrence Chapman, and are to be sold at his shop over against Staple Inne. 1633. New York: John B. Alden. 1886. 8vo. pp. 177.

I may say, by way of preface, that it is difficult to do justice to this poem in the necessarily limited space allotted me. Perhaps a few words concerning the history of its author may not be out of place. The brief notice of his life by the editor is so interesting that only lack of space prevents my transcribing it.

Thomas Peyton came of good British stock, and was born in Royston, Cambridge County, England, A.D. 1595. He studied at the schools in his native town, and afterwards finished his education at the University of Cambridge. He then went to London and was admitted to the Society of Lincoln's Inn, and there entered upon the study of the law in the year 1613. He was only eighteen years old at the time. It is probable that he did not wait to be called to the Bar, for he decided shortly afterwards to give up his law studies for an even more ennobling pursuit, that of theology. He entered upon the work of his short but well spent life, at a peculiarly fitting time, for the fair field of English literature was not then overgrown with the ephemeral tares which are the bane of scholarship to-day. The Bible was substantially the only book in England at the time. But what a book it was and is. It was read and studied by all sorts and conditions of men. It was the classic, the source of inspiration for the English speaking race, from the sovereign down. Grotius, the great Jurist, who was the Dutch Envoy to England ten years after the death of Elizabeth, said: "Theology rules there, all point their studies in that direction."

It is safe to say that the author was a Churchman and a Royalist judging from his thrusts at the Romanists on the one side, and the Puritans (Puritents he called them) on the other. He was a representative country gentleman of his time and believed in his Church and King. He died at the early age of thirty-one, and thus had no opportunity to take a hand in the struggle which was impending. Although his grave is unknown, his poem constitutes a more enduring monument than any that the hand of man could raise; it is a link connecting him—with all reverence be it said—with his Creator.

The first volume of "The Glasse of Time" commences with the beginning of existence, and treats mainly of the fall of man; the second follows the descendants of Adam to the time of Noah. He promised to continue the story, but death called him away. For upwards of a century and a half no knowledge existed of the poem, which turned up about eighty years ago. The account of its finding reads like a fairy tale. The editor in his introduction says: "A copy of this book, elaborately bound in vellum, ornamented with gold, with coat of arms and regal device, illustrated with curious cuts, and quaintly printed, had been kept in the possession of some English family, and was buried in the chest of an illiterate descendant until his recent death created a train of circumstances, which in the end placed the treasure before our eyes." Meanwhile Milton's "Paradise Lost," with its harmonious and sonorous numbers, had appeared.

A thoughtful article by L. E. Dubois, entitled "An 'Inglorious Milton,'" came out in the North American Review for October, 1860. The writer concludes that Milton used it in the preparation of the Paradise Lost, in short that his great work was

not entirely original with him. Space will not allow to adduce parallel passages from Peyton and Milton. After a careful reading of this remarkable poem, I can safely say it contains many points of similarity with Milton. That the theology of the two writers should be alike is not surprising, for Calvinism was deeply rooted in English theology at the time. But it is surprising that the scope and trend of the two poems should be the same, for I do not know that there was any other epic at the time to compare with either. There seem to be two ways of explaining the dilemma. 1. That both writers used a common original. 2. That Milton used Peyton's work to a greater or less extent. It does not seem probable that the first hypothesis is a true one, for had they used a common original is it not very strange that no mention of it even has survived? To account for it on this ground would seem to be to introduce another difficulty. I draw my main argument for the second hypothesis from internal evidence, and I submit that it is a very strong one. It may have been made over by Milton in much the same way that Bunyan made over the reveries of a pious mediæval monk into the *Pilgrim's Progress*; as Shakspeare did some of the dramas that came to his hand; as Scott did the old romances that he found. It seems as if Milton must have drawn from the earlier poem to a greater or less extent.

This poem is written in the quaint language and spelling of the period, and many of the words are obsolete. The style is terse and vigorous. If criticism of such a work is pardonable, I should say that it contains occasional passages which doubtless conformed to the canons of good taste in the seventeenth century, but would hardly do so in the nineteenth. The verse is not as polished as Milton's, but it contains thoughts worthy of an Ossian. I give a short extract below:

"O heavenly God! why should we here below  
 Trouble ourselves thy secrets past to know:  
 When thy dread word which Thou from heaven hath sent,  
 The world and all can give us scarce content,  
 But still we strive and at thy secrets aim,  
 Till Thou our reason in our Sense doth maim,  
 Here is the glory of the eternal crowne;  
 Mans earthly wisdom utterly throws downe."

*By Daniel Rollins, Esq., of Boston.*

*Costume in England. A History of Dress to the End of the Eighteenth Century.* By the late F. W. FAIRHOLT, F.S.A. Third Edition. Enlarged and thoroughly revised by the Hon. H. A. DILLON, F.S.A. Two Volumes. Vol. I.—History; II.—Glossary. London: George Bell and Sons, York St., Covent Garden. 1885.

In 1846 the first edition of Mr. Fairholt's famous work on English Costume made its appearance, and in 1860 the distinguished author brought out the second edition filled with the garnerings of the fourteen years that had passed. For a quarter of a century this edition has been the hand book of historical students until its scarcity, and the continual supply of new and important material, brought to light by various writers, and the many reprints of scarce tracts by the societies, have furnished sufficient reasons for a revised edition. Mr. Fairholt being deceased, the task of editing the new work was entrusted to Mr. H. A. Dillon, F.S.A., who brings to his labor the zeal and intelligence of the true antiquary. It is indeed a monument of extensive research into the nooks and crannies of early literature, and is a worthy companion of those works it so much resembles in minuteness of description and reference—Brand's "*Popular Antiquities*" and Strutt's "*Sports and Pastimes*." The work is admirably arranged for intelligent understanding of the subjects discussed, by a division into periods, Britons, Danes, Saxons, Normans, Plantagenets, Tudors, Stuarts, etc., so that the development of dress is seen in chronological sequence as a whole, rather than by an examination of the component parts of dress through various gradations. The Stuart period is of especial interest to the New England antiquaries, as it furnishes a ground for comparison with the dress of the emigrants to this country during that time, and will be an excellent guide to that future student in our midst who shall write for us, what we all hope to see, a view of the social life in the colonies. Seven hundred engravings amply illustrate the text, and the Glossary, occupying an entire volume, is at once a dictionary and an index to the work. The hand of Mr. Dillon is seen through the whole in the addition of text, elaboration of notes and the collation of thousands of valuable references.

*By Charles E. Banks, M.D., of Chelsea, Mass.*

*Report of the Commissioner of Education for the year 1883-'84.* Washington: Government Printing Office. 1885. 8vo. pp. cclxxi.+943.

A very well arranged classification of the condition and methods of the schools of the cities and towns of the United States of 7,500 inhabitants and over, is presented in this volume. The report proper, which is the fourteenth annual one, of the present commissioner, Gen. John Eaton, embraces nearly one fourth of the contents. To this is appended abstracts of the official reports of the School Officers of states, territories and cities, which form another quarter of the work. The remaining half is devoted to statistics comprised in twenty-five tables, the whole terminating with an index. In the statistical portion, not only the ordinary school institutions of the several states are tabulated, but those for the deaf, dumb and blind, asylums for feeble-minded children, universities and colleges, kindergarten, reform schools, schools of law, science, theology, industry and commerce, and other systems of education are represented. The work has been prepared on a systematic and comprehensive basis, and is a valuable authority for those proposing to write on educational subjects.

By *Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston, Mass.*

*Mémoires de L'Académie des Sciences Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres de Toulouse.* Huitième Série. Tome VII. Deuxième semestre. 8vo. pp. 436. Toulouse: Imprimerie Douladoure—Privat.

This valuable half-yearly volume of the learned Academy of Toulouse presents the text of a series of papers, within the scope of the different classes of its members, which are of especial interest to scholars and students in such departments. The mathematician finds two deep and abstruse papers, on "Canonical Equations" and "Surfaces of Revolution"; the botanist, an article on the "Flora of the Pyrenees," and another on the "Partition of the Axes"; the naturalist, a disquisition on "the Equality of Intelligence between the Sexes of the Human Race"; the meteorologist, studies of the "Storms of 1883 in the Haute Garonne"; the historian and the philologist, critical essays upon "Roger Ascham," "Catullus," and eight unedited letters of "Madame Maintenon"; and the chemist, "Researches on the Persulphide of Hydrogen." Add to these a series of eulogies upon the deceased members of the preceding year, and one recognizes the activity of this prominent society among the learned bodies of Europe, its wealth of illustrious savants, and the contribution it is constantly making to science and learning in scholarly and exhaustive essays.

By *George A. Gordon, A.M., of Somerville, Mass.*

*Address before the Essex Bar Association, December 8, 1885.* By WILLIAM D. NORTEND. From the Historical Collections of the Essex Institute. Vol. XXII. Salem, 1885. 8vo. pp. 59.

This address is of much historical value and interest, containing as it does a carefully prepared summary of the history of the courts of Massachusetts from the days of Winthrop and Dudley to the commencement of the last century. The various changes from the original Court of Assistants to the courts under the charter of 1692, and finally to the present system, are here presented in a clear and comprehensive form, and some insight is given us into the methods of procedure in the time of the witchcraft trials. There are brief notices of many noted men who have practised at the bar of Essex County, and at the close of the pamphlet is appended a list of the members of that bar to the present time. The historical notes add much to the value of the address, which is worthy a more extended notice than space will permit us to give.

By *George K. Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.*

*Inauguration of the Statue of Lafayette.—Presentation and Reception of Bartholdi's Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World, Paris, July 4, 1884.* Paris: Printed by Waterlow & Sons. 1884. Sm. 8vo. pp. 23.

*Mr. Morton in France.—The Inauguration at Paris of the Original Model of "Liberty Enlightening the World," May 13th, 1885.—The Farewell Dinner given by the Americans in Paris, May 14th, 1885.* Paris: The Gallignani Library. 1885. 8vo. pp. 52.

The first of these two pamphlets is devoted to the proceedings at two important ceremonies in France,—the unveiling of a bronze statue of Gen. Lafayette at Le Puy in Haute Loire, Sept. 6, 1883, and the presentation by the Count de Lesseps,

and the reception by the Hon. Levi P. Morton, the United States Minister to France at Paris, July 4, 1884, of Bartholdi's colossal statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World." Addresses on the former occasion were made by Mr. Morton, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, as the representative of President Grévy, and Senator Edmond de Lafayette, grandson of Gen. Lafayette; and on the latter by M. de Lesseps and Mr. Morton.

In the second pamphlet the proceedings on two other interesting occasions are given, namely, at the inauguration at Paris, May 13, 1885, of a reproduction in bronze of the original Model of Bartholdi's famous statue, which had been cast for American citizens for presentation to the people of France; and at a Farewell Dinner the following day, May 14, 1885, given by his countrymen in Paris, to Mr. Morton, then about to leave France to return home after ably representing his government for four years at that court. On the former occasion, Mr. Morton made the presentation speech, and was replied to by M. Brisson, president of the Council of Ministers, M. Boué, president of the Municipal Council, M. de Lesseps and Senator Lafayette. On the latter occasion speeches were made by Mr. John Munroe, who presided at the banquet, Mr. Edmond Kelly of the Paris and New York bar, Mr. Morton, M. Floquet, president of the Chamber of Deputies, Hon. Robert M. McLane, Mr. Morton's successor as minister of France, M. René Goblet, minister of public instruction, Consul General George Walker, Senator Lafayette and the Marquis de Rochambeau. A brilliant assembly of celebrities was present on these several occasions. The addresses showed how acceptable Mr. Morton had made himself not only to his own countrymen, but also to the government and people of France.

*Genealogical Record of Condit Family, Descendants of John Condit, who settled in Newark, N. J., 1678—1885. Also an Appendix containing a Brief Record of the Harrison, Williams, Pierson, Smith, Lindsley, Munn and Whitehead Families. By JORHAM H. CONDIT [Brick Church, New Jersey], and Eben Condit, Jersey [Licking Co., Ohio]. Newark, N. J.: Printed and published by Ward & Tichenor. 1885. pp. 410. Limited Edition. \$4.00.*

Two members of the Condit family have rendered royal service in preserving the genealogy and history of their tribe. They descend from John Cunditt, who came in 1678 and settled in Newark, New Jersey. He is the ancestor of nearly all of the name in the country to-day. He died in 1713. He had one son who grew to manhood, Peter, by first wife, and born in England. Peter married, 1695, Mary, daughter of Samuel<sup>2</sup> Harrison [Richard,<sup>2</sup> Richard<sup>3</sup>], by whom he had seven children, six of whom were sons, namely, Samuel, Peter, John, Nathaniel, Philip and Isaac. Peter died in 1714, the year following his father. From these six sons descends the family of to-day.

*By the Rev. Anson Titus, of Amesbury, Mass.*

*Some Account of the Worshipful Company of Painters, otherwise Painter-Stainers. Imprinted at the Chiswick Press, London. 1880. 8vo. pp. 22.*

"The Company of Painter-Stainers," we are told in this pamphlet "is of considerable antiquity. According to Horace Walpole, their first Charter, in which they are styled Peyntours, was granted in the sixth of King Edward IV., but they existed as a fraternity in the time of King Edward III. They were called Paynter-Stayners because a picture on canvass was formerly called a stained cloth, as one on panel was called a table, probably from the French 'tableau.'" Their present charter was granted by Queen Elizabeth, and bears date July 19, 1591. The present Painters' Hall, which was finished about 1669, "stands on the site of old Painters' Hall, once the residence of Sir John Browne, Sergeant Paynter to King Henry VIII.," which building was burnt in the Great Fire of London in 1666. Extracts from the records of the Company relating to this and other matters are here printed.

Two signs used in the last century in Boston, bearing the arms of the London Painter-Stainers Company, and called the "Painters' Arms," are preserved. The arms of this company are thus blazoned in Burke's General Armory: "Quarterly, 1st and 4th, az., three escutcheons ar.; 2d and 3d, az. a chev. betw. three phoenix heads erased or. Crest—A phoenix close or, in flames ppr. Supporters—Two leopards ar. spotted with various colors, ducally crowned, collared and chained or. Motto—Amor et obedientia." The earliest of these signs is now let into the wall of the Hanover street front of the building at the corner of Hanover and Marshall streets.

The motto on the sign is "Amor quest [sic] obediencia." Above the arms is "17<sup>th</sup> 01." Whose initials these are is unknown to me, as is also the history of the sign. The other sign, which bears the date 1755, is now at the rooms of the Bostonian Society, but is said to have been hung on a building in the vicinity of the present Scollay square. It has neither supporters, crest nor motto. The tradition is that it was brought to this country by Christopher Gore, afterwards governor of Massachusetts; but as he was a lawyer, and was not born till three years after the date on this sign, it is more probable that it was brought here by his father, John Gore, who was a painter of mature age at that date. The latter is supposed to have been the owner of the "Gore Roll of Arms," printed by Mr. Whitmore in his "Elements of Heraldry," pages 80 to 94, from a copy of the original roll made by the late Isaac Child, Esq., which copy now belongs to the Historic Genealogical Society.

*The Antiquary: A Magazine devoted to the Study of the Past.* London: Elliot Stock, 63 Paternoster Row. New York: David G. Francis, 17 Astor Place. Published Monthly. Medium 4to. 44 pages to a number. Price one shilling each. Mr. Francis will furnish the work to American subscribers at \$3.50 a year, or 50 cts. a number including postage.

The numbers of this magazine for January, February and March are before us, and show that it is a valuable aid not only to the antiquary but to the genealogist also. American readers will find much in its pages in which they have a common interest with those of England. Besides articles on antiquarian subjects, the result of great research, there are here reports of the meetings of English Antiquarian Societies, reviews of antiquarian books, antiquarian news, obituaries and other matters of interest. Some of the best antiquarian writers contribute to the magazine.

*The History of Farmington, Franklin Co., Maine, from the Earliest Explorations to the Present Time.* 1776—1885. By FRANCIS GOULD BUTLER, Member of the Maine Historical Society. Farmington: Knowlton, McLeary & Co., Printers. 1885. 8vo. pp. 683. Price \$3.25. Illustrated with Portraits and Views.

The author, the Hon. Mr. Butler, is a native of Farmington, and has always resided there. From early manhood to the present time he has been identified with all its leading interests. No person could have been better situated to collect the material for this work than himself. He tells us, however, in the preface, that it was not until he was approaching his seventy-first birthday in 1883, that he seriously undertook the preparation of this history. That he must have been diligent and indefatigable in his efforts to accomplish his purpose, during the two years he has devoted to this work, these 348 pages of General History and nearly the same number of pages of Genealogy, plainly indicate.

This is literally a Farmington book. It has not only been written there by a native-born citizen, but the printing has also been done there, and does great credit to the firm from whose press the volume has been issued. The senior partner of this firm is also a native of the town, whose ancestors have been long and favorably known there.

The Introductory Chapter of this history informs its readers what so many town histories fail to do, where the place is located concerning which the book has been written. The account of early explorations, the difficulty experienced by the pioneers in obtaining titles to their lands, because of the disputed boundaries of the territory claimed by the Kennebec or Plymouth Company, with a full account of the Colburn Association, make the next few pages deeply interesting. The conclusion of the author relative to the time of the final departure from the vicinity of Sandy River, and the destination, of the Indian (Pierpole or Pealpole), is probably incorrect. The copy of an original document bearing his signature and addressed to the General Court of Massachusetts, brought before the house of representatives in February, 1801, was published in the "Wilton Record" some time since. In this document it is plainly told that Pealpole's relatives live in Canada, that he desires to go there in order to live near them, and also to be able to attend on the observances of his own religion.

The permanent settlements were begun at Farmington in 1781, and increased quite rapidly after the close of the Revolutionary War. The early settlers were principally from Dunstable, Mass., Damariscotta, Me., and vicinity. About 1790, 1792 and later, a number of families from Martha's Vineyard settled in the place. The township never had a plantation organization, but was incorporated as a town in 1794. In 1800 the number of inhabitants had increased to 942. In 1810 every lot



within the limits of the town had been taken up. The pioneers very early took an interest in the subject of education, and the author asserts that it is not known there was an illiterate person among the first settlers; and considers it doubtful if there has ever been an adult native-born citizen unable to write his own name or read a clause in the constitution.

Much care has been taken to record the military history of the town in entire completeness. Farmington may well be proud of her war record.

A chronological table of incidents has been arranged, which occupies twenty pages. As Farmington is the shire town of Franklin County, a history of the former necessarily includes more or less of the latter. In the appendix is a complete list of the county officers, with dates of terms of office since the incorporation of the county in 1838.

Parker's History of Farmington, published in 1846, contains facts that could not now be found, and Mr. Butler acknowledges his indebtedness to that work. It is presumed, however, that he did not have access to the valuable historical material concerning Farmington collected by the late Rev. Josiah S. Swift, as no mention is made of any such authority having been consulted. This is to be regretted, as it is probable no person in Franklin County is in the possession of so much historical data concerning this town as was Mr. Swift. His decease, which occurred at Wilton, Me., March 26, 1883, prevented the further publication of the Franklin Historical Magazine, of which only two numbers had been issued. Mr. Swift was publishing this magazine as an appendix to Parker's History. It is hoped the memoranda left by him concerning the towns in Franklin County, Me., will at some time, in the not far distant future, be arranged and printed.

Great care has been devoted by Mr. Butler to the genealogical portion of his book. It is arranged after the method adopted in the History of Rindge, N. H. The author has endeavored to give the ancestry of each family mentioned, of which there are eighty-one. This has required extensive research, but has met with marked success. In addition a biographical sketch is given of each head of a family who was an early settler in the town, and of many of their descendants. The Genealogy occupies 325 pages. The book is faithfully indexed, but the proof-reading in this department was somewhat neglected.

By Mrs. A. C. Pratt, of Chelsea, Mass.

*Truro Baptisms 1711-1800.* By JOHN HARVEY TREAT. Lawrence: James Ward, Jr. 1886. 8vo. pp. 66. Price \$1, post free. Address J. H. Treat, Lawrence, Mass.

"The records of the ancient church of Eastham, Cape Cod," Mr. Treat informs us in his preface, "are entirely lost, and the church itself has become extinct. The records of the churches at Wellfleet and Orleans, formerly precincts of Eastham, are also lost." The adjoining town of Truro, which was settled mostly by emigrants from Eastham, is more fortunate. Its church records "are in a perfect state of preservation, except that, in a few instances, the ink has faded somewhat, so that the writing is rendered obscure."

Mr. Treat is deserving of much credit for his labor of love in copying these valuable records, and having them printed in so acceptable a style. Only a small edition is printed, and the price asked for the work will hardly pay the expenses of publication.

*The Narragansett Fort Fight, December 19, 1675.* By Rev. GEORGE M. BODGE, A.M. Boston: Privately printed. 1886. 8vo. pp. 21. With Map. A few copies for sale by G. E. Littlefield, 67 Cornhill, Boston. Price 50 cts.

The series of articles on the Soldiers of King Philip's War, which Mr. Bodge is contributing to the REGISTER, are acknowledged to be a positive contribution to the history of what has been called "one of the most thrilling periods in the early history of New England." Perhaps the most interesting of these valuable articles is that giving a history of Narragansett Fort Fight, which appeared in the January number. A small edition of this article has been printed for distribution to his friends by the author, the Rev. George M. Bodge, of East Boston.

*The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut from May, 1768, to May, 1772, inclusive.* Transcribed and edited in accordance with a Resolution of the General Assembly, by CHARLES J. HOADLY, State Librarian. Hartford: Press of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company. 1885. 8vo. pp. 689.

This is volume thirteen of the Connecticut Colonial Records, the last number

having been published four years since, and the first of the series thirty-five years ago. It is not known that the journals of either House are in existence for the years 1768-73, but the journal of the Council, from May, 1770, to May, 1773, is here contained. These records are of great value to the historian and the genealogist, containing as they do a large number of petitions and memorials relating to the settlement of estates and the private affairs of individuals, matters which do not now commonly receive the attention of the legislature. Comparatively few general laws are found in this volume, but there is a large amount of matter relating to the appointment of military and other officers, together with complete lists of the executive and legislative officers of the period. In May, 1771, a resolve was passed requesting Gov. Trumbull to collect the public letters and papers relating to the colony, and to have them bound together. The note on page 424 gives some account of these papers, a large number of which were presented in 1784 by David Trumbull, son of the governor, to the Massachusetts Historical Society, and form the Trumbull Collection.

The volume is ably edited, well indexed and handsomely printed.

By George R. Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.

*Letters of John, Lord Cutts to Colonel Joseph Dudley, then Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Wight, afterwards Governor of Massachusetts, 1693-1760.* Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1886. 8vo. pp. 31.

This is a reprint from the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, of remarks made before that Society Jan. 14, 1886, by Robert C. Winthrop, Jr., A.M., with the letters in full to which they relate and of which extracts were read by Mr. Winthrop at the meeting. They throw light upon a period of Gov. Joseph Dudley's life of which little has heretofore been known, and show the intimate relation between Dudley and Lord Cutts. Dudley was probably the first native of America who sat in the British House of Commons. This distinction has been claimed for Henry Cruger, a native of New York, who was chosen a member in 1774, but Dudley was a member about three quarters of a century earlier. Mr. Winthrop deserves credit for the manner in which he has brought out these letters, and the careful editing he has given them. A heliotype copy of a portrait of Gov. Dudley belonging to Mr. Winthrop's father, the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, LL.D., and which gives a truer idea of the man than the usual engravings from the Gilbert portrait, embellishes the pamphlet.

*Notes on St. Botolph, without Aldergate, London.* By JOHN STAPLES, F.S.A. Printed for Private Circulation. 1881. 8vo. pp. 63.

The occasion which caused Alderman Staples to prepare this account of the Church of St. Botolph and the ancient fraternities established in it, is stated to have been the opening, on the 28th of October, 1880, of the garden formerly reserved as the burial place of the Church, for the recreation of the public. In these proceedings the author took part and delivered an historical address, which is the foundation of this book. The church is first mentioned by name in 1279 in a writ of Edward I., but is much older. There were three Fraternities, or Brotherhoods, or Gilda, founded in this church, namely, those of the Holy Trinity, of St. Katherine, and of St. Fabian and St. Sebastian, and they all date back to the fourteenth century. Many facts of historical and antiquarian interest concerning the church and the several fraternities have been collected by Alderman Staples and preserved in these pages.

Appended is an account of St. Botolph and Botolph's town or Boston, whence our Massachusetts city of Boston derives its name. Concerning the history of St. Botolph and the time in which he lived, authorities differ, one placing him in the second and another in the eighth century. Few English saints have been more honored. Four parishes in London, and many churches throughout the country are called after him.

*An Historical Sketch, Guide Book and Prospectus of Cushing's Island.* By WILLIAM M. SARGENT, A.M. New York: American Photo-Eng. Co. 1886. Small 8vo. pp. 96. Price 25 cts.

We take pleasure in transferring to our pages from the *Portland Transcript* the following notice of this work, prepared from advance sheets:

"The author has shown indefatigable research in compiling an authentic history of our city and vicinity, and his data in relation to the original settlement on Casco Bay, which he locates on what is now known as Cushing's Island, instead of upon

the main land, will sustain critical examination. The book is very attractively printed and arranged, and freely embellished by cuts, by the American Photo-Engraving Company, of high merit. Many of these are from sketches by Mr. John Calvin Stevens, whose success as an artist is bringing him into prominence, and others are designed from faithful photographs of the natural scenery. Besides contributing greatly to the attractiveness of the book, they will accurately represent to the distant reader the charming environs of the Island, which, to be appreciated, need but to be seen. Mr. Sargent has been happy in his descriptions, and while omitting to mention none of the marked features of scenic beauty, directs attention to many a lesser charm that might have easily escaped the notice of a writer less enamored of his subject. A particularly graceful feature of the arrangement is the appropriate lines of verse accompanying each illustration, which have not been taken haphazard, but evidence, in their employment, a fine discrimination. One part of the book sets forth the steady advance in building on the Island, which has proceeded on an unalterable plan for permanency, and freedom from objectionable features such as have given to less wisely conducted settlements a short-lived prosperity, and justly portrays Cushing's Island as the most desirable site possessed by any summer colony."

*Education. A Monthly Magazine. Devoted to the Science, Art, Philosophy and Literature of Education.* WILLIAM A. MOWRY, Editor. Boston: William A. Mowry, Publisher, No. 3 Somerset Street. Published Monthly. 8vo. pp. 108 each number. Price \$3 a year. Single numbers 35 cts.

This periodical was commenced as a bi-monthly in September, 1880, by the New England Publishing Company, under the editorship of the Hon. Thomas W. Bicknell, LL.D. It was noticed by us in January, 1882. It has proved an efficient aid in advancing the cause of education in this country, and a valuable addition to the higher order of educational literature. In January last, William A. Mowry, Ph.D., became both editor and publisher of the magazine, and the numbers, for January, February and March, which have been issued by him, prove his scholarship and ability to meet the needs of his readers.

*Walford's Antiquarian; a Magazine and Biographical Review.* Edited by EDWARD WALFORD, M.A. London: George Redway, 15 York Street, Covent Garden. J. W. Bouton, Agent for America, 706 Broadway, New York. Published monthly. 8vo. 48 pages to a number. Price one shilling each.

This periodical, which has before been favorably noticed by us, still maintains its interest for the antiquarian student, not only in the English dominions, but in the United States also. The several numbers, of which the latest received is that for March, contain carefully prepared articles by distinguished antiquarian writers on antiquities, archæology, bibliography and kindred subjects. Here the doings of the learned societies of Great Britain are reported, recent antiquarian books reviewed, obituaries of prominent personages preserved, and the latest antiquarian news furnished.

*Records of the Descendants of Nathaniel Ely the Emigrant, who Settled first in Newtown, now Cambridge, Mass., was one of the First Settlers of Hartford, also Norwalk, Conn., and a Resident of Springfield, Mass., from 1659 until his Death in 1675.* Compiled by HERMAN ELY. Including material collected by Mrs. Amanda (Ely) Terry. Cleveland, Ohio: Short and Forman, Printers. 1885. Imp. 4to. pp. 515. Edition, 520 copies. Price in cloth, \$7; in half morocco, \$8. If sent by mail, 55 cts. extra.

*The Marshall Family, or a Genealogical Chart of the Descendants of John Marshall and Elizabeth Markham his Wife. Sketches of Individuals and Notices of Families connected with them.* By W. M. PAXTON, Platte City, Mo. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1885. 8vo. pp. 415. With a folding Genealogical Chart.

*Genealogical Memoir of the Cunnabell, Conable or Connable Family. John Cunnabell of London, England, and Boston, Massachusetts, and his Descendants, 1650-1886.* By EDWARDS J. CONNABLE, of Jackson, Mich., and JOHN B. NEWCOMB, of Elgin, Ill. Jackson, Mich.: Daily Citizen Book Printing House. 1886. 8vo. pp. 183 +4. Price \$2.60, delivered free.

*The Joseph Kimball Family: a Genealogical Memoir of the Ascendants and Descendants of Joseph Kimball of Canterbury, N. H. Ten Generations, 1634-1885.* Compiled by JOHN KIMBALL, A.M., Member of the N. H. Historical Society. Concord, N. H.: Printed by the Republican Press Association. 1885. 8vo. pp. 103.

*Lee Family. Quarter Millennial Gathering of the Descendants and Kinsmen of John Lee, one of the Early Settlers of Farmington, Conn., held in Hartford, Conn., Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 5th and 6th, 1884.* Meriden : Republican Steam Print. 1885. 8vo. pp. 116.

*Genealogical Sketch of the Nova Scotia Eatons.* Compiled by Rev. ARTHUR WENTWORTH EATON. Halifax, N. S. : Printed at the Morning Herald Office. 1885. Roy. 8vo. pp. 128.

*A Private Proof printed in Order to Preserve certain matters connected with the Boston branch of the Perkins Family. Intended only as an Indication of the Best Points of Future Investigation.* Boston : T. R. Marvin & Son, Printers. 1885. 8vo. pp. 29.

*The Surnames and Coats of Arms of the Williamses, with an Account of Robert Williams of Roxbury and Some of his Descendants.* Compiled by A. D. WELD FRENCH. Privately Printed. 1886. 8vo. pp. 26+2.

*A Sketch of the Life and Character of Dea. Joshua Upham of Salem, Mass. To which are appended a Sketch of his First Wife, his Ancestral History and a Genealogical List of his Descendants.* By Prof. JAMES UPHAM, D.D. Boston, Mass. 1885. 12mo. pp. 80.

*Genealogical Notes, showing the Paternal Line of Descent from William Torrey of Combe St. Nicholas, Somerset County, England, A.D. 1557, to Jason Torrey of Bethany, Penn'a, with the Descendants of Jason Torrey and his Brother and Sister to A.D. 1884.* Compiled by JOHN TORREY. Scranton, Pa. : James S. Horton, Printer and Publisher. 1885. 8vo. pp. 50+2.

*Hutchins Genealogy.* Compiled by CHARLES HUTCHINS. Boston : 1885. 8vo. pp. 16.

*Genealogy of the Ancestors and Descendants of Joseph Chase who died in Swanzey. His will proved March, 1725.* Fall River : Printed by William S. Robertson. 1874. 8vo. pp. 86.

*Genealogy of the Andrews Family.* By Lieut. GEORGE ANDREWS, U.S.A., of Fort Snelling, Min. 1896. 8vo. pp. 8.

*The Wisnall Family of America. Four Generations.* By the Rev. ANSON TITUS, of Amesbury, Mass. 1886. 8vo. pp. 4.

We continue in this number our notices of genealogical works recently issued.

The Ely genealogy which heads our list, is by the Hon. Heman Ely, of Elyria, Ohio. It seems to have been compiled with the utmost thoroughness, and has been brought out in a costly and highly satisfactory manner. The emigrant ancestor of this family was Nathaniel Ely, who died at Springfield, Dec. 25, 1675. He probably came to this country in 1634. On the 6th of May, 1635, he was admitted by the General Court a freeman of Massachusetts. At that time he probably resided at Cambridge. The Rev. Thomas Hooker and about one hundred of his parishioners it is well known removed from Cambridge to Hartford, Ct., and Mr. Ely is supposed to have gone with them, as he is subsequently found in that town. He afterwards removed to Norwalk, Ct., and in 1659 to Springfield, Mass., where the rest of his life was spent. The English ancestry of this family has not been positively traced ; but the late Col. Chester made a thorough investigation of the subject, and gives strong reasons for believing that Nathaniel of Springfield was a son of Rev. Nathaniel Ely, and grandson of the Rev. George Ely, vicar of Tenterden in Kent from 1571 to 1615, the date of his death. Col. Chester's letter to the author, dated Nov. 19, 1881, only six months before his death, fills more than three of the large pages of this volume, and gives an interesting account of the result of his investigations into the history of the Ely family in England. The families of both Rev. George Ely and his son Nathaniel are given in detail. Nathaniel, son of the latter, was probably born as early as 1602. After giving his reasons, Col. Chester proceeds : "I cannot in my own mind resist the conviction that he was identical with the Nathaniel Ely who appeared in New England about 1634. Of course, there is no absolute proof, but this group of facts is strongly suggestive." The book before us is arranged in a clear style, and is handsomely printed and bound. It is illustrated with numerous portraits, some elegant steel engravings, and many fine phototypes ; besides autographs and other engravings. The volume is an honor to a family which can boast of many distinguished personages, and is a credit to its author.

The Marshall genealogy is devoted to families who trace their ancestry to Virginia, Maryland and Kentucky. The author says : "This work is intended for a book of reference. To this end it is furnished with an ample index. I have dealt

in facts rather than panegyric, I have flattered no one, and have written nothing in malice. It has been a labor of love, and my expenses have been freely contributed. Though pecuniary assistance has been proffered, I have accepted nothing." The book contains a large collection of facts relating to the Marshalls, and must have cost the author a great deal of labor. The chart the author thinks "combines more advantages than any form heretofore used." Besides the full index to the book there is a separate index to the Chart.

The Gunnabell genealogy contains a genealogy of the descendants of John Gunnabell of Boston, Mass., and much other matter of interest to persons of the name and blood. The origin of the work is this. "About twenty-five years ago, Rev. Joseph Conable Thomas, then a student at Evanston, Ill., and John B. Newcomb of Elgin, Ill., commenced collecting genealogy and other data" concerning this family. Mr. Newcomb, who has since become known as an indefatigable worker in the field of genealogy, continued to collect matter as opportunity offered. In 1863, Edwards J. Connable of Jackson, Mich., became interested in the history of his ancestors, and the two having combined their labors, the result is the present very satisfactory book. It is chiefly through the instrumentality of Mr. Connable of Jackson that the facts in this volume have been placed beyond the reach of destruction. He has done a large amount of gratuitous work, besides contributing liberally in the expenditure. "Mr. Newcomb collected the data relating to the earlier generations and history of the family, and all respecting the Nova Scotia branch; also prepared the maps for the engraver and the manuscript for the printer." The work bears evidence of faithful research, and is well arranged and handsomely printed. A view of the residence of Samuel Connable of Bernardston, Mass., erected 1739, and standing till 1779, faces the title. A plan showing the residences of John, the emigrant, and a son and a grandson in Boston, and a map showing the residences of a number of his descendants in Bernardston and Berlin, with numerous autographs, illustrate the book. It has a folding tabular pedigree; and excellent indexes are furnished.

The Kimball genealogy is devoted to the ancestry and descendants of Joseph Kimball, who was born at Exeter, N. H., May 28, 1772, settled at Canterbury and died in Guilford, June 19, 1863, aged 91. He was a descendant of Richard<sup>1</sup> Kimball, who came to New England in 1634, and settled first at Watertown and afterwards at Ipswich, where he died June 29, 1675, aged 80; through Richard,<sup>2</sup> Caleb,<sup>3</sup> John<sup>4</sup> and Joseph<sup>5</sup> his father. The book is compiled with care, is handsomely printed, is illustrated with portraits on steel of the Hon. John Kimball (the author) and Benjamin A. Kimball, both of Concord, N. H., and William S. Kimball of Rochester, N. Y.; and has full indexes.

The Lee book gives the proceedings at the quarter-millennial gathering at Hartford in August, 1864. A great deal of historical and biographical matter is here preserved. The volume is well printed and embellished with a map of Hartford in 1640, and numerous portraits on stone. The early generations of this family were printed in the REGISTER for October, 1874, and a full genealogy by Sarah M. Lee, which appeared in 1878, was noticed by us in July, 1879.

The Eaton genealogy is by the Rev. Mr. Eaton of New York city. The ancestor of the Nova Scotia Eatons, to whom this book is devoted, was David Eaton, born at Haverhill, Mass., April 1, 1799, and died in Cornwallis, N. S., July 17, 1863. He was the fifth generation in descent from John Eaton the emigrant, who settled at Salisbury, Mass., as early as 1640; through Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Jonathan<sup>3</sup> and his father James.<sup>4</sup> An introductory sketch by the Rev. William H. Eaton, D.D., of Keene, N. H., gives the genealogy previous to David,<sup>5</sup> who settled in Nova Scotia. The descendants of David are here fully carried out. Appended is an account of the Eaton Association, with a list of its officers for 1884-6. The volume is well printed and has a good index.

The Perkins book is fully described in its title page. It is by Augustus T. Perkins of Boston, who says in his preface: "After much reflection, I have determined to give an account of such traditions of our family as I have heard, and of such as I have had investigated for me, although I know them to be far from complete and in some ways inaccurate." Mr. Perkins has acted wisely in preserving in print these traditions of his family. With them he has combined the result of some of his researches on the same subject. The work is handsomely printed.

Mr. French's book on the Williamses is a useful compilation for those of the name. It gives the origin of the name, descriptions of the various coats of arms borne by Williamses, arranged under their principal charges, and brief accounts of Robert Williams of Roxbury, and some others of the name in New England. The volume is well printed.

The Upham book is by the Rev. James Upham, D.D., of Chelsea, Mass., formerly President of the New Hampshire Literary and Theological Institute. It contains a memoir of his father, Dea. Joshua Upham, with a brief history of the family and a record of the descendants of Dea. Joshua. The book is embellished by portraits, and a folding tabular pedigree is appended.

The Torrey book is sufficiently described in the title page. The researches of the Hon. Alphonso Taft of Cincinnati, and H. A. Newton of Weymouth, have traced the ancestry of this family for several generations in England. Four brothers, the sons of Philip and Alice Torrey of Combe St. Nicholas, came to this country. This Philip was a son of William, who was a son of Philip, who was a son of William Torrey, of Combe St. Nicholas, who died in June, 1577. A deposition dated 1674, of Philip Torrey of Roxbury, one of the emigrants, is printed in the REGISTER, xl. 62. The present work is neatly printed and seems to be carefully compiled.

The Hutchins pamphlet gives descendants of David Hutchins, born in 1694 in Yorkshire, who settled in Attleboro', Mass., and died there in 1790. The author is Dea. Charles Hutchins, who for some twenty years has been the General Business Agent of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in Boston. These few pages give much genealogical information relative to this family.

The Chase book is by the Hon. Oliver Chase of Fall River, who died May 6, 1874, aged 61 (REGISTER, xxix. 222). Joseph Chase, whose descendants are given in this work, was a grandson of William Chase, the emigrant, who settled in Barnstable, Mass., and died in 1659. The book is well compiled.

The Andrews and Wiswall pamphlets are reprints from the REGISTER for January last.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, TO DEC. 1, 1886.

### I. Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.

Thoughts on the American College; an Address delivered in the Macomber College Chapel, Snelling Avenue, Saint Paul, Minn., September 16, 1885. By Rev. Edward D. Nell. Also A Brief History of the College. St. Paul: The Pioneer Press Company. 1885. 8vo. pp. 21.

The Narragansett Fort Fight, December 19, 1675. By Rev. George M. Bodge, A.M., Boston. 1885. 8vo. pp. 21. With a map.

Rutland and the Indian troubles of 1723-30. By Francis E. Blake, Worcester, Mass. Published by Franklin P. Rice. 1885. 8vo. pp. 53.

Prytaneum Bostoniense. Notes on the history of the Old State House, formerly known as the Town House in Boston, the Court House in Boston, the Province Court House, the State House, and the City Hall. By George H. Moore, LL.D. Read before the Bostonian Society, May 12, 1885. Boston: Crippen, Upham & Co. The Old Corner Bookstore. 1885. 8vo. pp. 31.

Memorial Exercises held in Castleton, Vermont, in the year 1885, including the addresses, biographical sketches, reminiscences, list of graves decorated, roster of the veterans in line—giving company and regiment—history of previous memorial days in Castleton and an account of the relics exhibited. Compiled by John M. Currier, M.D., Secretary of the Memorial Organization. Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons. 1885. 8vo. pp. 66.

The life, literary labors and neglected grave of Richard Henry Wilde. By Charles C. Jones, Jr., LL.D. 8vo. pp. 21.

An analysis of the population of the City of Boston, as shown in the State census of May, 1885. By Carroll D. Wright, chief of Bureau of Statistics of Labor. Boston: Wright and Potter Printing Co., State Printers, 18 Post Office Square. 1885. 8vo. pp. 17.

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## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

THE RECORDS KNOWN AS "BISHOPS' CERTIFICATES."—The Public Records of England cover so much ground and extend through so long a series of years, that there are few Englishmen who have ever been, or are likely ever to become, the subject of historical or biographical research, about whom something may not be gleaned from them. It was a wise and judicious course, amply justifying the great outlay, to bring together into one building, from their scattered repositories, a collection of

records which no other country in the world possesses in nearly so ample a measure. All honor to the late Lord Romilly, whose bust so fittingly finds place in the Literary Search Room of the great national building in Fetter Lane, which his wisdom and forethought not only called into existence, but made to promote, in so striking a manner, the interests of historical truth. In having recourse to its treasures, the only difficulty is to know just where to look, what class of documents to consult, a point on which it is of course necessary to be definite and precise, and this difficulty is due to the extent, variety and multifarious character of the stores which it contains. Books are accessible in it which throw light upon its innumerable contents, but the time which persons can spend within its precincts is too precious to be consumed in details which might be mastered at home. I therefore counsel those who contemplate availing themselves, either personally or by an intermediary, of the facilities which the Record Office affords, to prepare themselves by some adequate knowledge of its contents. I am usually able to visit the office myself, and thus have no need to employ those professional agents, most of them respectable, intelligent and competent, who make a business of Record work. Speaking for myself, I have often been astonished how new sources of information seem to open up when fresh subjects engage the attention.

I desire now to notice the documents known as "Bishops' Certificates," which give particulars of the Institutions to ecclesiastical dignities and parochial cures, a subject of very general interest which comes before almost all writers of biography.

Until the new order of things with respect to the Public Records came into effect, the only practicable way of obtaining information of this nature was by application at the Registry of the jurisdiction within which the benefice was situate, a step which might be, and often was, attended with considerable expense. The officials, with gradually increasing exceptions, naturally required payment of the fees to which they were rightfully entitled, making no distinction between inquirers for literary purposes and professional inquirers for purposes of legal business. This afforded no ground of complaint, for the Registrars could not be expected to place their time and the time of their clerks at the service of strangers gratuitously. Now this is changed, so far at least as respects a period commencing in the reign of Henry VIII., and particulars which could heretofore be obtained only from episcopal officials scattered throughout the country, can now be readily procured in one metropolitan office.

How it comes to pass that what has been done for that period cannot be extended to an earlier, may be explained in a word: the means do not exist. The government has no control over episcopal registers, and the documents which, having found their way from one of the courts of law to the Public Record Office, have made that possible which has been accomplished, only begin in Henry's reign, and originate from an enactment which was then made. Henry, who was so fond of meddling with the Church for purposes of his own pecuniary gain, took care that First Fruits, which before his time had gone to the Pope, should thenceforth be paid to the Sovereign. With a view to their being duly collected, the Archbishops, Bishops, and any other bodies (of whom there were some few) exercising episcopal jurisdiction, were required to send in half-yearly, to the Barons of the Exchequer, a return of the names of all the persons whom they had collated, instituted or admitted in the previous six months to any ecclesiastical preferment liable to the payment of First Fruits. The returns, which were regularly made, and have been well preserved, extend to all cathedral and collegiate dignities, as well as to all rectories and vicarages, with the exception only of benefices of a value so small as to have been discharged in the King's Books from the payment of First Fruits. They are entered on parchment rolls, which are kept in bundles, each bundle comprising a period of five years. The following will give an idea of the particulars recorded:

"Octavo die mensis Februarii, anno supradicto, Reginaldus Courtenay, clericus, in artibus magister, institutus et ad vicariam ecclesie parochialis de Leighton Beaudesert, in comitatu Bedfordiensi [ad presentationem Decani et Canoniorum Libere Capelle Regis infra Castellum suum de Windsor] per mortem [Joannis Buckeridge, clerici], ultimi incumbentis ibidem, tunc vacantem."

But so complete a form, not being necessary for the purposes of the return, did not commonly obtain, and the usual entry does not comprise the details which I have placed within brackets. Institution, as I need scarcely say, is a function specially appertaining to the episcopal order, but in some instances other bodies have acquired the right to institute, or to admit to benefices. Thus, the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, as to various parishes in Essex, and as to some in the city of London, exercise episcopal or quasi-episcopal rights, and the returns of such bodies are in-

cluded under the general head of Bishops' Certificates. Sometimes, as in the case of the numerous dignities in St. Paul's Cathedral, all of which were in the gift of the Bishop of London, we get a two-fold return, because the practice was for the Bishop to "collate" his nominee, and for the Dean and Chapter to "admit" him. During the vacancy of a see,—and Queen Elizabeth kept the see of Ely vacant for many years,—the Archbishop gave institution, so that when what is required is not found in its natural place, the Archbishop's certificates should always be searched. Care should be taken to ascertain to what jurisdiction in matters ecclesiastical the benefice was subject. In the City, for example, where the parishes are very numerous and very small, so small that the site of the Bank of England occupies the entire parish of St. Christopher le-Stocks, church included, great diversity prevailed in this respect. In the olden time a man liked to see the parish in which he was born, or his college, become a peculiar, exempt from the ordinary ecclesiastical authority of the district, and acknowledging that of some dignity of his own choosing. Curious examples might be mentioned, but I will content myself with specifying one. Cambridge is, locally, within the diocese of Ely, but King's College, with its precincts, which once comprised some few houses, is part of the diocese of Lincoln, whilst the Provost, as the head of the college is termed, formerly had the right of granting probate of the wills of all persons dying within the college or its precincts. Within his jurisdiction he was paramount, both in civil matters and in matters ecclesiastical, subject only to the Visitor appointed by the Royal Founder. So with respect to the small London parishes, one might be in the peculiar jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury, its neighbor in that of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, and another adjoining parish might be subject to the Bishop of Rochester, all three being entirely independent of any authority of the local ordinary, the Bishop of London. Newcourt's *Repertorium*, in two volumes, is the most complete authority upon all ecclesiastical matters relating to the old diocese of London, which comprised the counties of Middlesex and Essex, with some parishes in adjoining counties. And here I may congratulate this Society upon the thoughtful action of the librarian in purchasing a copy of this work, which he was able to secure at a price not exceeding, I imagine, one fourth of that at which any former copy had been sold. Newcourt was Registrar of the diocese of London, and derived his materials from the records in his official custody, so that he is silent with respect to those parishes which, though locally within the diocese, were not subject to the diocesan. In such cases as these, the series of Bishops' Certificates is most useful, and by its aid I have myself supplied various omissions in Newcourt.

There is another mode in which the approximate date of Institution may be arrived at, when the actual date cannot be ascertained. An incumbent was allowed time for payment of the composition for First Fruits, which was secured by his bond, with sureties. I forget at this moment whether the bonds themselves are preserved in the Public Record Office, or whether the particulars only of them are to be seen there. The date of the bond is a clew to the date of Institution, and may serve in its place, whilst the names of the sureties are often a guide to further researches respecting the incumbent. In my own investigations I have frequently been able to rest content with an examination of the Index to the Composition Records. This most useful compilation is arranged either in dioceses or in counties (my memory does not enable me to say which), and the Compositions, with date of each, are arranged in chronological order, so that it is easy to single out and collect the succession of the incumbents of any particular benefice. It was probably an aid in the transaction of his duties which was prepared by some former official of the First Fruits office, and was afterwards purchased by the nation.

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**SCOTCH RECORD EXAMINATIONS.**—The Government has made provision for examinations which are purely antiquarian or genealogical, without office fees, it being distinctly understood that such examinations have no legal bearing.

In order to obtain permission, the person for whom the work is to be done must apply by letter to Thomas Dickson, Esq., Curator of the Historical Department of H. M. General Register House at Edinburgh.

As the Government must be well satisfied as regards the antiquarian or genealogical character of the work, it would be well to state, in asking permission, that the examinations will be conducted by some one well known at Edinburgh. No better name could be suggested than the Rev. Walter MacLeod, for he is considered the man there for such work, his charges are reasonable, and he acts there for the leading libraries and antiquarian societies.

A. D. W. FRANCE.

**GUILFORD GENEALOGIES.**—Alvan Talcott, M.D., of Guilford, Conn., will furnish in MS. for a moderate consideration, extended genealogical notes of the descendants of any of the early fathers of Guilford. The records will be arranged in families in a regular order, giving dates of birth, marriage and death, and bringing the line down to the present time, covering about two hundred and fifty years. The families bearing the following names have their records nearly completed: Bartlett, Benton, Bishop, Blatchly, Bradley, Bristol, Burges, Chittenden, Coan, Collins, Crampton, Cruttenden, Dowd, Dudley, Evarts, Field, Fowler, Graves, Griswold, Hall, Hand, Hart, Hill, Hotchkiss, Hubbard, Johnson, Kimberly, Landon, Lee, Leete, Meigs, Munger, Murray, Norton, Parmelee, Pierson, Robinson, Rossiter, Ruggles, Russell, Scranton, Seward, Shelley, Starr, Stowe, Weld, Willard.

Extensive notes can also be given of the following: Baldwin, Coe, Conklin, Davis, Foster, French, Hopton, Hoyt, Jones, Kirkham, Soper, Spencer, Stevens, Talman, Vaill, Walkley, Ward, Wilcox.

**PARISH REGISTER OF WILTON, ENGLAND.**—The oldest register of the parish of Wilton, Somersetshire, entitled, "A Boocke of Register whearin are conteyned the names of those wch have beene Christened, Wedded, and Buried w'thin the P'ish of Wilton from the yere of our Lorde God 1558 untill the yere 1714," has been transcribed by Mr. Houghton Spencer, and will be published by subscription. The work will consist of 80 pages, corresponding with the number in the original. The price will be 5s. post free. Any profit arising from the publication will be devoted to the funds of the voluntarily supported Parish School of Wilton. Address Houghton Spencer, Corse, Taunton, England.

**FLETCHER FAMILY UNION.**—This association, instituted at Lowell, Aug. 30, 1876, and consisting of descendants of Robert Fletcher of Concord, Mass., will hold its fourth meeting at Lowell, Mass., August 25 and 26, 1886.

**LEIGHTON GENEALOGY.**—This book, noticed in the January number, was published by subscription at \$3 instead of the price there named. It is an octavo of 127 pages, and copies can be furnished at the subscription price by the author, Mr. T. F. Jordan, Metuchen, N. J.

**JOHN HARVARD AND CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.**—In the article with this heading in the January number, after "John Harvard Midsex: Decem. 19, O.10.0," the following lines were accidentally omitted:

"On the same page, in a list of names is this:  
'Hawered O. 10. 0.'"

It is to this list in which the name "Hawered" occurs that the next paragraph refers:

"The list has been conjectured to be a summary of previous more detailed entries, but I find no sufficient evidence to support this conjecture."

I find that I was wrong in supposing that the entry "Midsex" against Harvard's name in the "*Recepta*" indicates the residence of his mother. The following article in the *New York Nation*, February 18, 1886, states the matter correctly.

*John Harvard: A Difficulty Solved.*—To the Editor of the *Nation*: Sir: It appears to be clear that John Harvard was born in Surrey, at Southwark, and it is certain that when he went up to Cambridge in 1627 he was described at Emmanuel College as of Middlesex. This is the matter upon which I propose to offer some observations, with the view of removing an apparent discrepancy, for which some would account by the statement that in 1627 he was probably living in London with his mother and her husband. How far this is satisfactory will appear from what follows.

The first point of inquiry is in what manner in Harvard's time the questions addressed to a young man on entering college were put, and I think we are not without a guide which will lead us in a certain direction. When St. John's College published the first part of its Admission Register, which begins in 1629-30, it was an object of interest with me to identify, for my own information, some of the places which appear in it in a form truly grotesque. For reasons into which I need not here enter, I was led to rely mainly upon sound, and, having thus succeeded in overcoming

difficulties which appeared almost insuperable, I arrived, upon independent grounds, at the same conclusion as the editor of the Register [of St. John's College], namely, that the entries were made from statements taken down from the lips of the persons admitted; and there was no doubt uniformity of practice among the different colleges of the University.

The next point is, What was the nature of the questions? and this renders it necessary to speak of the object which they had in view. That object was not, as the man of to-day might suppose, the mere collection of useful statistics, but was to indicate for what scholarships and other advantages, restricted to those born in a certain district, the person admitted was eligible. It is ignorance of this leading fact which has led into error those who hitherto have attempted to explain the matter. The place at which the person was residing when he went up to the University, was foreign to the scope of inquiry; the place of birth being alone material.

The chief question, then, which was put to John Harvard at Emmanuel College was, where he was born, and the entry of *Middlesex* leaves no doubt that his reply was "in London." It is stated that the precise locality of his birth was the High Street of Southwark, and the statement derives corroboration from that which proceeded from his own lips. The High Street of Southwark, which extended southward from London Bridge to the spot where stood St. Margaret's Hall, formed part of the City of London, being included in the City Ward of Bridge Without, so that a person born in that street properly described himself as born in London. z.

*Cambridge, England, Feb. 12, 1886.*

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**TOWN HISTORIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons having facts or documents relating to any of these towns are advised to send them at once to the person engaged in writing the history of that town.

*Durham, N. H.*—At a town meeting in March last \$900 was appropriated for publishing a history of the town. An additional sum is to be raised by subscription. The work is placed in the hands of a committee consisting of Lucien Thompson, W. S. Meserve, Joshua B. Smith, E. Jenkins and J. W. Coe. It is proposed that the price of the book shall be between three and five dollars a copy.

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**GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think may be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from colleges or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of births, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

*Conant.* By Frederick Odell Conant, A.M., 229 Commercial Street, Portland, Me.—Mr. Conant has spent much time and money in collecting materials for this work, and has now enough matter to fill a substantial octavo volume. The records include the Connet, Connett and Connit families. It will be embellished with a view of All Saints Church, East Budleigh, England, where Roger Conant was baptized, and other engravings, such as portraits, autographs, etc. Circulars and blanks for genealogical returns will be furnished on application. A limited number of copies will be printed. Price \$5, with the right to advance the price after the subscription is closed. Correspondence in regard to family portraits and residences is solicited.

*Gile and Guile.* By Charles Burleigh, Portland, Me.

*Ginn, Genn, or Ghen.* By Thomas Smyth, 3 Cordis St., Charlestown, Mass.—Mr. Smyth has a large collection of materials relating to this family, which was early in Northumberland County, Va., and later of Dorchester and Caroline Counties, Maryland; Barnstable County, Mass., and the eastern part of Maine.

*Goodrich.*—The Goodrich Association, which has issued two parts of the "Goodrich Family Memorial," having obtained new and important matter, have abandoned their design to issue a third part of this work, and announce that Parts I. and II. will, if sufficient subscription be obtained, be enlarged and thoroughly revised, and with the matter intended for Part III. published in one volume of not less than 275 pages. Price to subscribers \$3.50. Money already received for Part III. will

be returned or applied towards the new work. Address H. C. Goodrich, secretary and treasurer of the Association, 70 Ogden Place, Chicago, Ill.

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*Kidder.*—Miss S. B. Kidder is collecting materials for a full genealogy of the Kidders in the United States. All communications will be thankfully received from persons possessed of any facts concerning them. The cooperation of those of the name is respectfully requested. Address Miss S. B. KIDDER, 39 Court St., Boston.

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*L'Hommedieu.*—By Frederick L'Hommedieu, of Deep River, Conn.

*Philbrick.* By Rev. Jacob Chapman, Exeter, N. H.—The book, which has before been announced in the REGISTER, will be put to press as soon as the author receives orders for a sufficient number of volumes to pay for printing and binding the book. Price \$2 a copy.

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*Westchester-County, New York, during the American Revolution.* By HENRY B. DAWSON, Morrisania, New York City. 1886. Pp. vii. 281, imperial octavo. With Maps, Wood Cuts and a Portrait of the Author. To be obtained of the Author, Home Street, Morrisania, N. Y. Price \$6. Delivered free in any part of the United States or of Canada.

The history of the American Revolution still remains unwritten. Many persons have undertaken the work; but no one of their productions, whether of American or of foreign authorship, beginning with the earliest and including the latest and most pretentious, is satisfactory in respect of completeness, accuracy and freedom from bias. The materials requisite for such a history as the subject demands are rapidly accumulating. The public and the private papers of statesmen, diplomatists and official agents, and of officers who served with the British, French and American forces, respectively, are constantly brought to light; and these are published or placed in accessible repositories. Elaborate biographies of the more prominent characters of that epoch continue to be given to the public. To these materials must be added the histories of states, counties and towns, which are issuing from the press almost daily. From all these resources new and important information is obtainable. Moreover, the archives of the European governments are now, as never before, opening to the inspection and use of our historical students, and it is probable that very soon we shall have complete transcripts of all the essentially important contents of those archives, so far as they concern the American Revolution. Without this aid, the history of the Revolution cannot be thoroughly explored, nor can it be understood.

In view of these facts, it is plain enough that the time is almost ripe for some competent persons to begin the great task of preparing such a history as shall exhaust the materials and be worthy of the American people and of the Revolutionary epoch,—an epoch covering the period extending from 1760 to 1784. Such a history will disclose all the causes of the Revolution which operated in the several colonies, whether the same were at the time ostensible and declared, or included other causes not openly expressed. All the important facts will be clearly

and accurately narrated. The various military and naval operations of the war will be described with equal lucidity and completeness. The political issues and financial problems connected with or growing out of the war, at home and abroad, will be adequately considered, and the social condition of the people during that struggle faithfully portrayed. Full and exact justice will be rendered to all concerned,—to those colonists who took up arms and supported the cause of Independence, as well as to those who, for conscientious reasons, or for other and sufficient reasons, refused to support the war. It will measure out to each of the chief characters and parties in that contest, whether in the field or in the legislative councils, and whether at home or abroad, their due proportion of praise and blame. All this, it is needless to say, involves a thorough revision and, in some important particulars, a very considerable recasting of what has been accepted as history. Such a history would be more complete, more accurate, more impartial, and altogether more satisfactory than any work we now have.

It is obvious that the collecting of the materials, the careful and discriminating study of the same, and the writing of the several parts of the history that shall meet these requirements, is a labor altogether beyond the ability of any one man. He who might be best qualified, for example, for dealing with the political relations of Great Britain and her American colonies, and the relations of those colonies to each other, would not be the best qualified, as experience has shown, for an intelligent and critical explication of the military operations of the war. The writers selected for the several colonies should be persons who are not only fully competent in respect of learning and sound judgment, but, if such a thing be possible, absolutely free from prejudice, whether local, sectional, class, or personal. Their several contributions should, finally, be committed to a wisely-chosen editor, to be fused by him into a continuous and consistent history.

In the volume before us, Mr. Dawson has made an original and important contribution to the materials of the history of the Revolution. His Prefatory Note opens with the following statement: "The history of the County of Westchester, New York, during the period commencing with the Spring of 1774, and closing with the Winter of 1783, contains more of general interest than can be found in the history of any other County in the United States, during the same period, that of Suffolk, in Massachusetts, and that of New York, in New York, not excepted." This may seem an exaggerated statement, but we are disposed to believe that the careful reader of this volume will finally concede that the claim is made good. All persons who are familiar with the several histories of the Revolution are aware that the writers have given but little space to the political affairs of Westchester County during the period mentioned, or to those of the County or City of New York, with which the affairs of the former were closely related. Nor do they seem to have made a thorough study of the operations of the belligerent armies, or of the parts played therein by the principal military officers. Much less do any of the writers seem to have investigated the origin and character of those influences,—proceeding chiefly from the City of New York,—by which a large number of the inhabitants of Westchester County were converted into lukewarm spectators or into active opposers of the war.

In order to do what has hitherto been neglected, the author has made (to use his own language) "a record of those influences, obtruded from beyond the County itself, . . . in known opposition to the inclination of" the inhabitants of the County, "which, during the earlier revolutionary era, transformed a well-cultivated and highly productive region into one over which, without the baleful assistance of a foreign enemy, were spread, by fellow-colonists and fellow-subjects, the sickening evidences of . . . partisan bitterness and relentlessness, presented in the devastation and waste and desolation which, everywhere throughout the County, then prevailed—of those influences, wielded by men who are unduly claimed to have been patriotic and virtuous, which carried with them, into the quiet and peaceful homesteads of agricultural Westchester County, persecution and outrage and barbarism, such as the world has seldom seen." . . . "We have endeavored to trace the evil influences back, to their origin, and forward . . . to their final sad results; and in more than one instance, we have seen those who controlled and wielded those influences climb over the shattered remains of . . . industrious and contented families, and peaceful and plentifully-supplied homes and productive farms, from the scenes of plunder . . . and general ruin, of misery and helplessness and woe, in which they had been the principal actors, to those high places of honor and emolument and power to which they had aspired, and for the attainment of which they had not hesitated to bring all that wretchedness and ruin on others." . . .

The author sets forth the narrative in great detail, and with abundant quotations from documents, letters, sworn contemporary testimony, and evidence taken from the lips of ancient and trustworthy witnesses. Other authorities are cited in the copious notes. In the course of his work the author deals with great plainness in respect to the motives and conduct of certain popular leaders at the Revolutionary era, in the Province of New York. The allegations made in that regard are, for the most part, new to us, and we do not undertake here and now to pass upon them. If the charges are true they deserve serious consideration; if they are refutable, the refutation should be made public.

The military operations within the County of Westchester in 1776, and particularly those which culminated in the indecisive engagement at White Plains, where after a brief contest between portions of the two armies, each party retreated from the other, are described with a degree of clearness and particularity which we believe has not been approached by any previous writer on the subject. We observe, also, that the brilliant exploits of Colonel (afterwards General) John Glover, at Pelham, on October 18, and of Colonel (afterwards General and Governor) John Brooks, at Chatterton Hill, on October 28, are graphically described, and the skill and bravery of those gallant and worthy officers are now for the first time adequately commemorated.

Mr. Dawson had already made the students of American history his debtors by his "*Battles of the United States by Sea and Land*," his excellent edition of the "*Federalist*," and his invaluable "*Historical Magazine*." He has increased this debt by this his latest—we hope not his last—production. It was prepared for, and makes the sixth chapter of Scharf's *History of Westchester County*, recently published. In the 281 imperial octavo pages the author has compressed as much text, he states, as is contained in three of the large volumes of Bancroft's *History* combined. The edition is limited to 250 copies, of which only 200 are for sale. We cannot doubt that these will be quickly sought for. The author has spent several years on this work, and it clearly attests the fact that a great deal of research and labor have been expended in its preparation.

Com. by *Albert H. Hoyt, A.M., of Boston.*

*The Story of a Concord Farm and its Owners.* By GRINDALL REYNOLDS. February 1, 1883. A Lecture delivered before the Concord Lyceum. 8vo. pp. 29.

This little pamphlet gives us, in a very interesting and readable form, the history of the location variously known as North Hill, Lee's Hill, Barrett's Hill, Hurd's Hill and Nawshawtuck, in the town of Concord, Mass.; with sketches of the various owners of the farm which is situated upon it. The readers of the article by Dr. Edward Jarvis on "*The Supposed Decay of Families*," in this *Register* (No. clii. p. 386), will find this pamphlet serve as an admirable pendant to the remarks of Dr. Jarvis.

The writer begins with the first owners, the Indians, always an interesting topic. Major Simon Willard, the first white owner, he designates as preëminently the founder of Concord, and gives a very interesting sketch of his life and services to the community in which he lived. His successor was Capt. Thomas Marshall, one of Cornwallis's soldiers, and the innkeeper of "*The Blew Anchor*" on the Saugus River. He must have been a jolly old fellow from all accounts, but his biographer here considers him as much "more entertaining than useful." The next occupant, the first whom Shattuck records, was Henry Woodie, and, as the Rev. Mr. Reynolds writes, the very one of whom we know the least. He purchased the farm in 1661, but probably owned considerable land in the town before that date. In 1666 his house was burned to the ground, and his son perished in the flames. Mr. Reynolds thinks the building burned to have been distinct from the one erected by Simon Willard. The farm then remained in the hands of his descendants, although not of his name, until 1814, as it passed to Joseph Lee who married a daughter of Henry Woodie, then to his son Dr. Joseph Lee, and to his son in turn Dr. Joseph Lee, the tory. He died in 1797, and it passed from one Lee hand to another until, in 1814 William (Billy) Gray, of Boston, purchased it. Judge S. P. P. Fay owned it in 1831, holding until 1828 for his sister's husband, Joseph Barrett, himself a descendant on his mother's side from Henry Woodie. All of these men are very pleasantly treated at Mr. Reynolds's hands. He handles the tory, Dr. Joseph Lee, rather freely, and gives intimations regarding his descendants which are not very complimentary, but of that further. The successive owners receive due mention. The farm now is in the possession of Mr. Charles Henry Hurd. The old house, as

built by Simon Willard, but greatly improved upon, was burnt to the ground in 1886.

We have not space in this brief notice to more than outline this interesting material which Mr. Reynolds has brought together. He mentions among others the fact that the timber of which the Constitution was built, was cut from Lee's Hill. A sketch of the old house, as seen from the bridge, was made by Mr. Frank Bellew some years before its destruction, and has been photographed quite satisfactorily. One interest more centres around this old house, as it was the abiding place of twelve Harvard students during the siege of Boston—this being an annex to Harvard College for that period.

Mr. Reynolds is able to say but little about Henry Woodis, and yet, as he says, "during his fifty years life in Concord he filled some honorable positions," and "many, if not most of the old families have a few drops of Henry Woodis's blood in their veins." Family tradition\* says that Henry Woodhouse (Woodis) was the younger son of a rich family in Bruton St. London, who came to New England in 1633, then about nineteen years of age, and brought with him a good estate in specie. He left two houses in London and several good houses in Derbyshire. These two estates were given to him by a rich uncle. There is now in existence a legal document signed by him in 1664, with a seal affixed, upon which appears a bull's head on a shield. After being settled upon his farm at Concord, he proposed to go to England and settle his affairs as soon as the people there were quiet, and engaged a passage for that purpose, but the captain slipped away and left him; the vessel was lost. He put stores on board another ship, and he and his wife went to Boston in order to go to London, but she was taken sick and the ship sailed without them and was cast away and every life lost. His wife contented herself without trying again. He attempted a third time; shipped a chest with stores, but the ship sailed a day sooner than was agreed upon. He was left behind and the ship foundered at sea. The good man's heart was warmed with a sense of the goodness of the mercy of God towards him and his family in these three disappointments. Had he gone in either vessel he must have perished with the rest. His house took fire in the night of February 2, 1666 (dates differ; another account says fifteen years after settling). The fire was supposed to begin in the cellar. The snow was about five feet deep, wind north-west and extremely cold. Mr. Woodhouse, with his wife and daughters, saved themselves by jumping from the chamber windows with only their linen on. Their only son John perished in the flames, and everything in the house was burned. Their nearest neighbor was a mile off, and they came very near perishing before any relief afforded itself, which was not until morning, when the smoke alarmed their neighbors, who came to their assistance. In the mean time they preserved themselves from perishing by driving the hogs from the pen and taking shelter in it. Mrs. Woodhouse froze her feet so as to be a cripple whilst she lived.

Mr. Reynolds writes: "How, in those days,—when practically Ipswich was as far from Concord as Chicago is now,—Joseph Lee and Mary Woodis met at all, and especially met frequently enough to contemplate matrimony, is the problem. But they did, and in 1678 were married." Family tradition again says: As his, Joseph's, father (John Lee of Ipswich, 1634) and Henry Woodhouse of Concord had been neighbors in London, the acquaintance was continued in this country. In consequence of which a marriage between this Joseph and Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. Woodis, took place.

The farm passed from Dr. Joseph Lee at his death in 1797, to Samuel Lee, his sixth child, H. C. 1776, who resided in the provinces during the revolution. It must have passed from him to John and from John to Silas, as stated by Mr. Reynolds.

Mr. Reynolds dwells upon the toryism of Dr. Joseph Lee, and his quarrelsome disposition in church matters, and pictures him as "somewhat selfish, a man of set opinions, and not a little resolute and pugnacious in the assertion of them." In short, he gives him a character which was his probably by right of inheritance from his great-grandfather, the Lee ancestor, John of Ipswich, 1634—and which others of the name have developed from time to time. But further on, where he notes "as an interesting case of persistence of family type, that while Dr. Joseph Lee was a tory in the Revolution, his son John, in the war of 1812, was a federalist to the verge of disloyalty, and his grandson John was in the war of the rebellion in

\* Our experience with traditions, and especially with family traditions, leads us to receive them with great caution.—EDITOR.

sympathy with the South and opposed to the government," he oversteps the mark. In the case of the grandson John, he is certainly mistaken.

Dr. Joseph Lee had as sons—1. Joseph, B. C. 1765, a clergyman, whose descendants have always been highly respected in the community; none of his descendants happen to bear the name of John Lee. 2. Jonas, a farmer in Concord; none of his descendants bear the name of John Lee. Jonas was as warmly a friend to the cause of liberty as his father to the Crown, and had influence enough in the councils of the Whigs to save his father much insult and protect him from injury either in person or property. His name appears upon the muster roll of the Minute Men, November 25, 1776. After the war he was a representative in the state legislature as a Democrat in 1806, 1808 and 1812. 3. John, settled at Penobscot, now Castine, Maine. He died Oct. 20, 1812. His commission as Collector of the Port of Penobscot was signed by George Washington, August 4, 1789. His commission as Inspector of the same district was also signed by Washington, March 8, 1792, and countersigned by Thomas Jefferson. He was a Federalist, and like most of that party in New England probably opposed the war of 1812. His descendants do not credit the record of his *disloyalty*. His only son to reach manhood was John, who settled in 1832 at Bucksport, Maine, where he was Collector of Customs until 1861, at which time he was seventy-three years of age. He accepted office under Andrew Jackson, and was an active politician, being opposed to the Republican administration, but he was in no sense opposed to the government, or to any measures for the good of the country. At the beginning of the war, on account of his age, he took no part at all in public matters, and quietly attended to his own business to the end of his life in 1866, enjoying the respect and esteem of his townsmen, including a great many republican friends. He had one son John Josiah, now living, who has for years held the position of provisional assistant civil engineer in the Corps of Engineers U. S. Army, and who held this position throughout the war, being in charge of important military works during that time. His only son is also a civil engineer and assists his father. 4. Samuel, who resided in the provinces during the revolutionary war, being probably a tory in his feelings. None of his descendants were named John, to arrive to manhood, but two of his grandchildren played reputable and prominent parts in the late war of the rebellion, viz.: Silas Joseph Lee, Asst Surg. U. S. Vols., who died of chronic diarrhœa contracted in the line of duty; and Samuel Perry Lee, aide-de-camp to Gen. Birney, severely wounded at Fredericksburg as Captain 3d Me. Vols.; aide-de-camp to Gen. Sickles, severely wounded at Gettysburg, requiring amputation at the right shoulder joint; Captain 45th U. S. Inf'y, and retired Dec. 15, 1870, as Bvt. Major and Bvt. Lt. Col. U. S. Army. 5. Silas, lawyer at Wiscasset, Maine, representative to the U. S. Congress, 1799-1801, for Lincoln County, Kennebec District; U. S. District Attorney for the Maine District, as appointed by Jefferson; Judge of Probate, etc. etc. No children.

This completes the record of the descendants of Dr. Joseph Lee, so far as it has any bearing on this subject, and it seems to give a full and satisfactory answer to the last quotation from Mr. Reynolds's otherwise valuable little work. As a supplement to that publication, it is hoped this will prove also of value.

*By William Lee, M. D., of Washington, D. C.*

*Diary of Thomas Robbins, D.D. 1796-1854. Printed for his Nephew. Owned by the Connecticut Historical Society. In two Volumes. Edited and Annotated by INCREASE N. TARBOX. Vol. I. 1796-1825. Boston: Beacon Press; Thomas Todd, Printer, 1886. Royal 8vo. pp. vii.+1052.*

Rev. Thomas Robbins, D.D., the author of this Diary, was son of Rev. Ammi Ruhama and Elizabeth (Le Baron) Robbins, and was born in the town of Norfolk, Connecticut, August 11, 1777. At the age of nineteen he graduated at Williams College and Yale, and for several years devoted his time to preaching and teaching without the pastoral relation. In 1809, he became pastor of the Congregational Church in what was then the South Parish of East Windsor, Connecticut, where he remained till 1827. In 1829, he accepted the pastoral relation of the Congregational Church in Stratford, Connecticut. In 1832, he became pastor of the Congregational Church at Mattapoisett in the town of Rochester, Massachusetts, where he continued till 1844, when he became the Librarian of the Connecticut Historical Society at Hartford, where he remained till 1854; after lingering about two years in great feebleness by physical infirmities, he closed an active and useful life with his niece, Mrs. Elizabeth (Robbins) Allen, September 13, 1856, at the age of seventy-nine. He was never married, but eminently social, refined in manners, and fond of society.

His Diary presents several important and interesting facts: 1. It shows that the great aim of his life was to do good, to make the world better, and to this purpose he devoted all of his energies, identifying himself with every institution and enterprise that would seem to aid in the accomplishment of his object. 2. He early conceived the idea of collecting a large Library, and to this work he devoted much of his life, and was successful in the undertaking. It is a collection of rare, valuable publications, embracing works in all departments of literature, and is supposed to be larger than any Library possessed by any other clergyman in New England. It is now the property of the Connecticut Historical Society, and may be seen at the Society's rooms in Hartford. 3. The Diary is unique, and will long remain a marvel in literature. It was commenced while the author was a student, in 1796, and continued to 1854, for fifty-eight years, being a daily record during that period, with the exception of a very few small breaks, occasioned by sickness. The daily jottings are brief, embracing current news and events, which he regarded worthy of note. He notes the state of the weather, visits schools, attends large public gatherings, rides much, has a good horse when not cheated in purchasing, visits the sick, attends funerals and weddings, writes sermons and letters, receives and entertains company, works in Library, always has some important work on hand for reading, exchanges pulpit services, is interested in all kinds of farm work, cultivates a garden, notes the current events, political, educational, financial, and religious, a thorough Federalist and Calvinist, and occasionally gives expressions of his political and religious sentiments, which in these days would not be considered as illustrating the highest type of charitableness, bottles cider, filling 228 bottles with it in a single day, is greatly troubled by other denominations holding meetings in his parish, constantly engaged in literary work, largely given to periodicals and sermons. The following entries may be read in the light of the times in which they were written:

"Jan. 23, 1821. Received a barrel of cider brandy of Maj. O. C. Phelps, which I requested him to put up for me last fall. It contains thirty-one and one half gallons, for which I gave him thirty cents per gallon. Paid him \$5.00. Brought it home. The thermometer rose near to 40°. Last night it snowed." And yet his sentiment and practice on the subject of temperance were above the average temperance sentiment of that day.

On the day he was forty-five years old, he wrote as follows: "August 11, 1822. Finished and preached my sermon on Rev. xxii. 9. In the forenoon preached with old notes on Pet. ii. 4. There was a Baptist meeting here, and three women were baptized. These things are a severe affliction to me, but God will have it. Quite dry and dusty. Thermometer 93°. At evening attended conference. A Methodist meeting was also held here to-day. I hope through divine mercy, never to witness a similar scene here again. I am forty-five years old." A little too much for one's birthday surely.

This Diary possesses great excellences—its material will increase in value as time goes on—it will especially be held in high estimation by the Meteorologist, Genealogist, Biographer and Historian. The annotations of Rev. Increase N. Tarbox, D.D., have added greatly to its value. The present and future generations will highly appreciate the rich treasures given to historical and biographical literature by the noble, generous act of Robbins Battell, Esq., and Anna Battell, in giving to the public these volumes in their present form.

*By the Rev. Ralph W. Allen, D.D., of East Boston.*

*Records of the Town of Braintree. 1640 to 1793.* Edited by SAMUEL A. BATES, Randolph, Mass.: Daniel H. Huxford, Printer. 1886. 8vo. pp. 940+4. Sold by Samuel A. Bates, Town Clerk of Braintree; post-office address, South Braintree, Mass. Price \$2.20, or by mail \$2.50.

The following Introductory Note gives us the history of the volume: "The Towns of Braintree, Quincy, Randolph, and Holbrook, which formerly composed the Town of Braintree, at their several annual meetings held in the year 1885, voted to print the records of the town of Braintree, from the date of incorporation to the year 1793, and severally selected the following persons to carry said vote into effect: Quincy, Charles F. Adams, Jr., George L. Gill, and Ebenezer W. Underwood; Braintree, Francis A. Hobart, Samuel A. Bates, and Horace Abercrombie; Randolph, Royal T. Mann, John B. Thayer, and Rufus A. Thayer; Holbrook, George W. Paine, Samuel L. White, and Abram C. Holbrook. Samuel A. Bates, Town clerk of Braintree, was selected to take charge of the publication

of the records, and they have been printed under his personal supervision. They were printed from the copy made under the direction of the Town of Quincy in 1876, and the proof read from the original, of which they are intended to be an exact transcript."

Braintree was incorporated May 13, 1640, O. S.; Quincy, February 22, 1792; Randolph, March 9, 1793, and Holbrook taken from Randolph February 29, 1872. The volume which these records make comprises nearly one thousand pages, and every one of them is full of value, to the citizen, historian and genealogist. It is one of the most unique books yet published. It is printed as all official records should be, *verbatim et literatim*. By reading these pages the common life of the people is readily discerned, and seeing them as they were in their every day toil and struggle, we not only note the imperfections in education and social culture, but are also impressed with the largeness and grandeur of their characters. The records of the town meetings tell us of the yearly round of the people's care for the almshouse, commons and town land, fish in the Monaquot River, town lines and highways, schools and the master, the meeting-house and the minister, soldiers in the various border troubles, and also all those wants and that protection for the best interest of their homes. The yearly consideration of such questions was for the unfolding of a broader life. The art of self-government was here learned. President John Adams truthfully said, the secret of New England's greatness was in her meeting-house, town-meeting, training-green and school-house. In these the minds of the people centred. These were for common weal. The publication of town papers without note or comment, will do much towards heightening our regard for the early Puritans. Our reverence for them has been high, but we have been seeing them through the writings of the ministerial historians. With the publication of the original papers we can judge for ourselves. This judgment does not thereby lessen, but grows to greater height, since we see the daily toils, besetments, troubles and anxieties under which they lived. These fathers of New England were superior to their surroundings. In these we behold their strength. We cannot expect to return to their ways, but a study of the lives they lived, and their manners, in confronting their constant cares, offers incentives which the youth of our time need to feel and understand.

The more numerous Braintree families are the Adams, Allen, Arnold, Bass, Baxter, Belcher, Faxon, French, Hayden, Hayward, Hobart, Holbrook, Hunt, Niles, Paine, Penniman, Quincy, Spear, Thayer, Veazie, Wales, Webb, White, and Wild. The records relating to families embrace the births, intentions of marriage, marriages, and deaths in the town. The indexes of the volume are complete, nine in number, and embrace every subject and person treated. Braintree is a typical New England town. It was not behind in sharing her responsibilities in border wars or in the times of the Revolution. She was ready and prompt, with full quota of men, garments, forage and subsistence. And in the times of peace, by her agricultural pursuits, her granite industry, her training of her youth in school and church, has been exercising an influence wide and sweeping. The ancient Braintree makes to-day four busy, thrifty and teeming towns, whose industries and social life are of highest worth. Quincy, Braintree North Parish, as the birth, residence and burial place of the Adamses and Quineys, will ever be regarded as a Mecca by those who recall and love the patriotic endeavors of those into whose labors we have entered.

Samuel A. Bates, Esq., is one of the most careful of editors. No better man could have been selected. For many years he has been the efficient town clerk, and is thoroughly conversant with the history and the people with whom he is dealing. The work reflects credit on him, and through him on the generous sentiment and public spirit which prompted the publication of the volume. To the other like ancient towns of New England our word is—go and do likewise.

*By the Rev. Anson Titus, of Amesbury, Mass.*

*The First Volume of the Registers of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, 1558-1628. Part I. Contents, Marriages, 1558-1628. Baptisms, 1558-1585. Transcribed by A. W. CORNELIUS HALLEN, Alloa, N. B. Issued Quarterly. No. I. December, 1886. Royal 8vo. pp. 112. Subscription price 16s. yearly, or 4s. quarterly. Payable to the Editor, The Parsonage, Alloa, Scotland.*

This is the first number of the second volume of the Rev. Mr. Hallen's series of "London Church Registers." The prospectus for this series was issued in 1885. In it Mr. Hallen announced that if sufficient subscriptions were obtained he would publish yearly, in quarterly parts, a transcript of some London Parish Register.



The initial volume of this series appeared in 1885, and contained the registers of St. Mary Woolnoth and St. Mary Woolchurch Haw. It was very favorably noticed by the English press.

The Registers of St. Botolph, Bishopgate, of which one number is now before us, are edited for the rector of that church, the Rev. William Rogers. It will be noticed that they commence in 1558, the year that the order for keeping such registers was issued by the Vicar General of England. The London *Athenæum* well remarks, "Every additional register published is a distinct gain and implies for students, present and future, a substantial saving in time and labor." We hope that Mr. Hallen's undertaking will receive the necessary support to enable him to bring out a volume like this every year, edited with the same care and printed in the same faultless style.

*The Making of New England. 1590-1643.* By SAMUEL ADAMS DRAKE, with many Illustrations and Maps. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. 1886. 8vo. pp. x.+251. Price

This is an entertainingly written story of the early days of New England and incidentally of the whole country.

The author is a well-known writer of history, and has fulfilled his promise in the preface of supplying the want of "brief, compact, and handy manuals of the beginnings of our country." There is much relating to the Indians, and he tells the story of the pioneer colonies, and gives us brief accounts of various discoveries, among which that of Field's discovery of the White Mountains from the neighborhood of what is now Fryeburg, Maine, is worthy of mention. All the subjects are treated briefly, but the author gives us a vast amount of well told information. The illustrations are very numerous and interesting, including localities, individuals, buildings, ancient articles of dress and furniture, and many other objects of interest. The frontispiece is a view of Cuttyhunk Island, the site of the first New England Colony, and there are several valuable maps in the book.

The work is printed in excellent type, and its general appearance is attractive. It would seem that this little volume ought to have a large circulation, for it is deserving of it, and contains matter that every intelligent person should know something about.

By George K. Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.

*The Republic of New Haven, a History of Municipal Evolution.* By CHARLES H. LEVERMORE, Ph.D., Fellow in History 1884-5, Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore: N. Murray, Publication Agent, Johns Hopkins University. 1886. pp. viii.+342.

This is a history carefully written and constructed, according to the new historical methods adopted at the Johns Hopkins University. We are not quite sure that we could state, accurately, wherein these methods differ from those heretofore employed by historical students. There is evidently a more minute and consecutive unfolding of events, so that the narrative grows as a tree grows, step by step, from the germ to the outmost branches. There is noticeable also a constant care to trace the laws, the usages, the institutions of our early New England society (especially as they appeared in the New Haven Colony), to similar European customs and laws whether in England or on the continent. As far as possible the writer aims to trace these coinciding features back to their European origin.

This method is to be called new, not so much in its nature or kind, as in the degree and systematic care with which it is worked. Men employed the Baconian system of reasoning ages before Lord Bacon embodied it in terms. Indeed it would never have deserved to be called a system, if it were not in accordance with the normal operations of the human mind. So this new method of writing history is not, as it seems to us, to be called a discovery, but only a more systematic employment of old ways and old materials.

But after saying this we are ready to give full praise to the volume before us. The work is very carefully and conscientiously done, and makes an exceedingly interesting narrative. The men who planted the Colony of New Haven in 1636 were a choice company. In average wealth, culture and dignity, no previous arrival on the New England shores had been superior to this. The two most conspicuous figures in this select group were John Davenport, the pastor and religious teacher, and Theophilus Eaton the Governor. The writer thinks it an evidence of John Davenport's superiority as a scholar, that he was entered at Oxford University at the age of fourteen. But that was then a common age for entrance at the

English Universities. John Cotton of Boston was entered at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, at the age of thirteen. John Norton was in Peterhouse College at fourteen. John Wilson of Boston was in King's College at fourteen. The conditions of English scholarship were such, at that time, that fourteen was only a little below the average age of entrance.

It would be pleasant, did our space allow, to ramble over these pages which we have read with great interest, and call attention to the many facts and features illustrating the New Haven History. The narrative stretches from 1638, nearly two hundred and fifty years, almost down to the present time.

The thought has occurred to us, as we have read, whether in this minute way of tracing historical events, the vices and crimes of society do not fill a disproportionate place in the narrative. The pure and orderly life, day by day, and year by year, of the great body of men and women does not appear in the public records, and is not likely to be dwelt upon in detail, by the historical writer. On the other hand, the wickedness of men, their punishable offences, are laid up in the proceedings of the courts and very easily report themselves to the searcher after facts.

By the Rev. Increase N. Tarbox, D.D., of West Newton, Mass.

*Old Families of Concord, Mass., and a Record of their Descendants in Part to the Present Generation.* Vol. I. Edited by CHARLES EDWARD POTTER. Boston: 1887. Large 4to. pp. 150. Price, \$5.

The old families of Concord afford a very attractive field for the labors of the genealogist, and one in which very little work has as yet been done. The genealogies of Flint, Fletcher, Hunt, Bulkeley and Prescott have indeed been carefully compiled and published in volumes which are familiar to all students of the subject, and Farrar, Minott and one or two others have been more or less elaborately traced in the pages of the REGISTER, but apart from these there are no printed sources of information except the totally inadequate and often misleading "Notices of Early Families and Distinguished Men" in the Appendix to Shattuck's History, and the fragmentary notes of Savage. And yet it is doubtful if there is any other, even of our oldest towns, whose families have become so widely spread throughout the country. The first inland settlement in New England, it was the natural gateway to the yet unpeopled wilderness, and its people were found among the colonizers of every new migration to the north and west. Especially through Worcester county, the northern and western parts of Middlesex, and the southern towns of New Hampshire, the old Concord names are to this day among the most common and familiar. A trustworthy record of the early generations of these old families would therefore be of the greatest utility to local historians and genealogists almost everywhere in New England. The writer of this notice has had frequent occasion to consult nearly all of the New England town histories now in print, and has been much struck with the inaccuracies which have been perpetuated in them in this particular. Many of these inaccuracies are to be ascribed to a too confident reliance, on the part of the writers, upon the genealogical notes of Shattuck, who was often very widely incorrect in his statements of family connections. Fifty years ago, when the History of Concord was written, the town's registers of births, marriages and deaths were not so easily consulted as they are now. The original entries on the records were made somewhat at random, in various parts of the "Town Books," and were not indexed, so that it was easy to make mistakes in their interpretation. At the same time the Probate Records of Middlesex were by no means in so good shape as at present (though it must be said that even now there is a wide room for improvement in this direction, as far as the first two hundred years of the records are concerned), and many statements found their way as facts into the pages of Shattuck, which a careful consultation of these records has since shown to be erroneous. It would be a great boon to genealogists if some one could be found to do for the Concord families what Dr. Bond did for those of Watertown; but in default of such an exhaustive work as his, we welcome this less ambitious book of Mr. Potter's, which, while not attempting to cover so much ground as Bond's, is yet fairly to be compared to it in carefulness of research and accuracy of statement, and is by all odds the most comprehensive and important contribution yet made to the study of Concord family history.

Barrett, Blood, Brooks, Brown, Buttrick, Davis, Farrar, Flint, Hartwell, Hayward, Hosmer, Hubbard, Jones, Minott, Potter, Wheeler, Willard, and Wood are the principal families that are traced with more or less completeness, a list of names including a very large proportion of the colonists and early settlers

of Concord, and so allied by marriage with all the rest, that there is hardly a Concord name to be found that does not occur more than once in Mr. Potter's pages. So far as I have been able to examine the work, I have detected no vital errors of fact, and but few trivial mistakes, such as are unfortunately impossible to be avoided by even the most painstaking proof-reader, like the occasional mis-spelling of a proper name for instance.

The arrangement of the book is novel and ingenious. The tabular delineations of the genealogies are all placed by themselves in the first part of the volume, of which they occupy rather more than one half, and are entirely unencumbered by notes or by any extraneous references. Under the names of the parents are given the names of the children in each family, the place and date of birth, date of death, date of marriage, and the name and parentage of the wife or husband, with the year of birth and death. Each name is given a line by itself, and all names are numbered consecutively, the consecutive number being afterward affixed to the name wherever it reappears in the tables. To the name of each person whose line is followed any further, is also added the number of the page on which his or her immediate descendants are recorded. An advantage of this system of tabulation is that all of the above-named particulars that are known concerning any individual may be seen at a glance, while the blank spaces left in the table show as plainly and concisely just what is lacking in the record. In these blank spaces the names or dates missing may be written, if they are ever discovered, or in the case of persons now living the record of the facts of marriage and death may be inserted as they occur. A complete index renders original access to the tables perfectly easy, while the system of cross-reference by numbers to individuals and to pages is readily understood and easily followed.

The biographical and historical matter follows the tables, reference to which is facilitated by the continued use of the original numbers. These pages contain a large amount of original matter, and are illustrated with fourteen finely executed portraits.

Mr. Potter announces his work as "Vol. I.," but no lack of completeness is to be inferred from this fact, the volume being complete in itself as far as it goes, the intention of the author being to take up in subsequent volumes the consideration of other families, with such reference to the present work as may be necessary.

*By George Tokman, Esq., of Concord, Mass.*

*The Visitation of Herefordshire. Made by Robert Cooke, Clarenceux in 1569.*

Edited by FREDERIC WILLIAM WEAVER, Late Demy of Magdalen College, Oxford, Editor of "The Visitations of the County of Somerset in 1531, 1573." Exeter: Privately Printed for the Editor by William Pollard and Co., North Street, 1836. Royal 8vo. pp. viii.+107. Subscription Price, 15 shillings. To be obtained of the author, Rev. F. W. Weaver, Milton Vicarage, Evercreech, Bath, England.

This is the first Visitation of Herefordshire, taken, and the first of that county which has been printed. Other Visitations were taken in 1634 and 1683. The copy of the Visitation of 1569 which the editor has chosen to print from is that in Harleian MS. 615, in the British Museum, as he considers this the best authority outside of the College of Arms. He has carefully collated this with other manuscripts and noted the differences which occur, giving many additions and corrections. He has also very fully annotated the various pedigrees, drawing his facts from a variety of sources. Eighteen additional pedigrees belonging to the end of the sixteenth or the beginning of the seventeenth century have been appended by the editor to the Visitation of 1569, and in all cases he has noted the manuscript from which the transcript has been made.

It is sufficient to say that the book has been edited in the same careful and thorough manner as was Mr. Weaver's edition of the 1531 and 1573 Visitations of the County of Somerset, noticed by us in October, 1835. The volume is handsomely printed, uniform with the Harleian Society's Publications, and has full indexes of persons and places.

*Life and Services of the Hon. John Russell Bartlett. A Paper read before the Rhode Island Historical Society November 2, 1886.* By WILLIAM GAMMELL, President of the Society. Providence: Printed by the Providence Press Company. 1886. 8vo. pp. 20.

The aim of Prof. Gammell in this paper on Mr. Bartlett is, as he tells the members of the society whom he is addressing, "to reproduce his life and career as, in different degrees, they were known to us all—a life and career bright with

usefulness and honor, filled with heroic industry, devoted to ennobling studies, crowned with large and varied attainments, and worthy to be an example and a stimulus to all of us, who have been associated with him here in promoting the generous objects for which our society was formed." Professor Gammell has fully succeeded in doing this. The garland he lays on his friend's grave is worthy of his memory. Mr. Bartlett was the oldest living member of the Rhode Island Historical Society, and was widely known for his contributions to the history and bibliography of this country. He was vice president for his state of the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

*William Blaxton.* By THOMAS COFFIN AMORY. Boston: Old State House. 1886. 8vo. pp. 25. Price 50 cts. To be purchased of the Bostonian Society at the Old State House, Boston.

This memoir is the first number of the "Collections of the Bostonian Society." It was read as a paper before that society November 9, 1880. In it Mr. Amory has succeeded in collecting a great deal of interesting information about the first inhabitant of the peninsula of Shawmut, now the city of Boston, and his homestead on the borders of Boston Common. Mr. Amory has not been able to connect William Blaxton, or Blackstone as his name is usually written, with any of the families of the name in the mother country. He gives much information about the various families, and inclines to the opinion that our William was a son of Sir William Blackiston of Gibside, whose fifth son was named William (see Burke's *Extinct Baronetage*, ed. 1844, p. 65)." The late Charles W. Tuttle, Ph.D., made collections for a memoir of Blaxton (See REGISTER, xxxiv. 315), but when he learned that his friend Mr. Amory was engaged on a similar work he placed his manuscripts in his hands. Mr. Amory acknowledges his indebtedness to him. A facsimile of the autograph of William Blaxton, obtained from the subscription book of Emmanuel College by Mr. Tuttle, appears in Foote's *Annals of King's Chapel*, vol. i. p. 15. No original autograph has been found in this country, but he witnessed the will of Joshua Foote Oct. 2, 1655, and in the record of his signature his surname is spelled Blaxton (see REGISTER, v. 444), as on the books of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, England.

*Chronicle of the Coach. Charing Cross to Ilfracombe.* By JOHN DENISON CHAMPLIN, JR. Illustrated by Edward L. Chichester. Charles Scribner's Sons: New York. 1886. 12mo. pp. 296. Price \$3. For sale by W.B. Clarke & Carruth, 340 Washington Street, Boston.

This book is written in a light and rather pleasing style, and gives a very readable account of the excursion of a coaching party from Charing Cross, London, to Ilfracombe. They visited Winchester, Salisbury and Exeter among other places, and the writer gives excellent descriptions of the ancient cathedrals in those towns. By invitation the party dined at Borden House, Sherborne, and our author gives a very interesting account of the home of a typical English country gentleman. One of the party asking Major Borden some question about his family history, that gentleman replied, "We don't belong here. Our home is in Somerset. The family has been here only about two hundred years." The historical allusions which abound throughout the book are accurate, and the writer's statements correct.

The work is illustrated in a very attractive manner, and will well repay the general reader for time devoted to its perusal, being both entertaining and instructive. One or two members of the party insisted upon intruding their democratic notions on all possible occasions, which strikes the reader as having been in very poor taste considering the circumstances, but this in no way affects the merits of the publication.

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*The Winchester Record.* Winchester, Mass.: Printed for the Members of the Winchester Historical and Genealogical Society by order of the Directors. 8vo. Vol. I. pp. xi.+365; Vol. II. pp. x.+539. Published by the Society.

This periodical, devoted to the history and genealogy of Winchester, Mass., was commenced in January, 1885. Two complete volumes are now before us. The first three numbers were noticed by us in July, 1885. The leading article in the next number for October, 1885, is a very full biography of the pioneer, Edward Converse, who came from Charlestown peninsula, with Edward Johnson, John Mousall, William Learned, Ezekiel Richardson, Samuel Richardson, and James Thompson to found

the town of Woburn. They constituted the first board of selectmen, April 13, 1644, "seven good and honest men." The article is by Rev. Leander Thompson. Other papers in the number are: The Old Converse Mill, by A. E. Whitney; Winchester in 1640, by Abijah Thompson; Our Aborigines, by the Editor, Prof. George Cooke; Tithing-men and Heads of Families, 1680, by W. R. Cutter; Roads previous to 1850, by L. R. Symmes; Parish Records, by E. H. Rice; Congregational Church Choir, by Dr. David Youngman; and about fifty pages of Town History from various sources, mostly by the president of the society, Mr. Abijah Thompson, who has scouted far and wide into the domain of history. The number contains home-made poetry of merit; and the faces of the five Town Clerks—all now living—beam upon the reader from one of the pages. It has also views of historical buildings.

The first number of Volume II. for January, 1886, is what might be termed an Illustrated Number. In two pages, Mr. Thompson has placed the portraits of all the selectmen from 1850 to 1885. What town can boast of such a group? Forty years of the fathers of this town have their shadowy eyes upon you. On other pages we see six Orthodox Deacons, all sterling faces, and five Town Treasurers. Here also are pictures of the Unitarian Church and its lamented Pastor, the Rev. Richard Metcalf, and in a retired niche one can behold the Officers of the Historical and Genealogical Society. A bird's eye view of the village of Winchester is seen near the end of the number. In the frontispiece is a map of Waterfield and Rockfield, 1638, plotted from the Charlestown Book of Possessions, by Prof. Cooke. This, as well as the leading article by him, is the result of a vast amount of labor and research and is invaluable to the history of the town. There is a biography of James Thompson and a genealogy of the family, besides other articles which we have not space to allude to, much less to characterize. It is a most excellent number.

The number for March, 1886, leads off with a short biography of The Three Richardsons, brothers, and their possessions, by Rev. Leander Thompson; a paper on Philemon Wright, by L. R. Symmes; The Walker Family, by H. D. Lord; The Walker paper (Thompson collection); Gravestone Inscriptions (Walker's), by W. R. Cutter; Parish History, by Rev. George Cooke; Sextons of the Church, by Abijah Thompson; Mill Privileges and the Belknap Family, both by W. R. Cutter; and What I Remember of the West Side School, by Warren Teele, besides valuable historical gleanings. This number is well illustrated by maps, public buildings, pictures, portraits—thus retaining the shadows while the substance vanishes away. The other numbers contain a like variety of articles and illustrations. If it be asked how is it possible for a society to gather and print so much in so short a time, and to gather a library of nearly one thousand books and pamphlets, hundreds of photographs, pictures and relics, we answer that it is owing to the enthusiasm of its President, which he has communicated to its members.

*By George T. Littlefield, Esq., of Winchester, Mass.*

*The Old Boston Taverns and Tavern Clubs.* By SAMUEL ADAMS DRAKE, Author of "Old Landmarks of Boston," etc. etc. Boston: Cupples, Upham & Company. Old Corner Bookstore, 283 Washington Street. 1886. Sm. 4to. pp. 70. Price 50 cts.

This interesting historical pamphlet contains the substance of a paper read a few years ago before the Bostonian Society. It treats of the tavern as an institution; of the earlier ordinaries, as they were called, taking the name, we suppose, from a regular meal served by them at a certain price, which was called an ordinary; of these taverns in Revolutionary times; and of the humor to be found in tavern signs, or ale-stakes, as we find them spoken of in some of the old books; together with an appendix, containing the names and a brief account of the Boston taverns down to 1800. We need say no more as to the treatment of these subjects than that it evinces the breadth and the accuracy of knowledge of our local history which characterize all the writings of Mr. Drake.

We are reminded by this sketch, of English life, and particularly of London. Shenstone sighed to think that, in all his travels, he had found "his warmest welcome at an inn." When Dr. Johnson said that nothing had yet been contrived by which so much happiness is produced as by a good tavern or inn, he probably had in view, chiefly, the shelter and cheer offered by it to the traveller and stranger. But to his generation, and to the generation that followed him, both in Old and New

England, the tavern meant much more than this; it was a place of popular resort and a centre of information; it was common ground upon which men met for political, literary and social purposes. As was natural, the signs under which the taverns in Boston carried on business, were similar to, often the same as, those in use in the mother country. Here, as there, the heads of political, military and naval heroes,—the great Protector, General Wolfe, Admiral Vernon,—were emblazoned upon them. With reference to the first of the three mentioned, the example should be limited in its application to New England. The name of Cromwell, at all events since the Restoration, has not been in favor with English tavern keepers, nor would it have been pleasing to their customers. His head was hung, in grim reality, at Westminster Hall: and the common people accepted once for all, the verdict passed on his life and memory by the court party. This recalls the remark of a conservative old lady at the time of Wilkes's great popularity, that he swung everywhere but where he ought. The "Bunch of Grapes," as Mr. Drake points out, has mention in Shakespeare. The "Red Lion" is to be found in almost every town in England; the "Rose and Crown" marks at least two taverns in London to-day. The old "Dog and Pot" in Ann Street, followed a very old London sign, the "Dog's Head in the Pot," which is still in use, Mr. Walford says, over a hardware shop near Blackfriars Bridge. The "Salutation Tavern," at the North End near the ferry, is often referred to in Judge Sewall's diary. On its sign two friends were shown greeting each other, or, perhaps, a landlord was welcoming the coming guest. We doubt whether this name followed the "Salutation and Cat" in Newgate Street, London, which was frequented by Coleridge and Southey. But our limits will not permit us to pursue further the interesting topics suggested so pleasantly to us by Mr. Drake's little book.

*By Hamilton Andrews Hill, A.M., of Boston.*

*History of North Brookfield, Massachusetts. Preceded by an Account of Old Quabaug, Indian and English Occupation, 1647-1676, and Brookfield Records, 1686-1783. By J. H. TEMPLE, Author of "History of Northfield," "History of Framingham," etc. With a Genealogical Register. Published by the Town of North Brookfield. 1886. 8vo. Price \$5. Sold by the Agent of the Committee of Publication, Hiram Knight, Esq., North Brookfield.*

This carefully prepared work has been several years in preparation, and is now issued in a handsome and attractive volume of over eight hundred octavo pages. It contains a full account of the Quabaug Plantation, Indian and English; the annals of Brookfield for 100 years; and a complete History of North Brookfield, as precinct and town.

Important discoveries have been made by the author in regard to the Quabaug tribe of Indians. In order to fix upon the points occupied by the native villages, and trace the Indian trails and early English bridle-paths, referred to by Pynchon, Eliot and Gookin, he traversed the country, with the old Brookfield Town-plot as a centre, for twenty miles in extent. The result was satisfactory, both in confirming the accuracy of those early writers, and in the discovery of numerous aboriginal "remains," of fort-sites, store towns and clusters of wigwams—some of which are mentioned in the early histories, but have not before been identified—and some of which were previously unknown to either history or tradition.

"New light is thrown on the last years of the sachem Massasoit. An authentic account is given of the Surprise and Defeat of Capt. Wheeler, Aug. 2, 1675, which was the significant event of Philip's War, and which proved to be the hinge on which the question of War turned. The First Settlement, and destruction of the place; the Permanent Settlement and incorporation of the town, are sketched in detail, together with biographical notices of the early undertakers. The part taken by Brookfield and North Brookfield in the French and Indian Wars, and the Revolution, is given, with names and terms of service of all officers and soldiers as preserved in the State Archives. North Brookfield's record in the late Civil War is compiled from returns in the Adjutant General's office; and a careful digest is presented of all matters pertaining to the schools, churches, public enterprises and industries of the town."

The book is "largely composed of Original Records and Official Documents, copied from the Town and Parish Books, the County Registers, and the Massachusetts and Connecticut State Archives, and now first put in print."

The Genealogical Register, by the late Hon. Charles Adams, Jr., is a valuable contribution to New England family history. It is as complete as it could be made

by "careful inquiry and exhaustive research among records, public and private, and a wide correspondence."

"The town of North Brookfield has made generous grants of money to defray the expenses of the work. The committee of publication have heartily seconded the labors of the historian and editor; and the book is offered to the public in the belief that it will meet the expectations of Brookfield's citizens and their widely scattered connections, as well as furnish new and valuable information to the general reader, the political economist, and the antiquary."

The book is illustrated with numerous first-class engravings, consisting of portraits, battle scenes, etc.

By Henry E. Waite, Esq., West Newton, Mass.

[To Mr. Waite this volume owes much of its value, he having been indefatigable in collecting materials illustrating the history and genealogy of Brookfield and North Brookfield.—EDITOR.]

*Northern Notes and Queries.* Published quarterly. Edited by the Rev. A. W. CORNELIUS HALLEN, M.A., F.S.A.Scot., F. Hug. S., M. Harl. Soc. Edinburgh: David Douglas. 1886. Vol. I. No. 3. Price 1 shilling a number. Annual subscription, payable in advance, 4 shillings, which entitles the subscriber to the Supplement, namely, a transcript of Ralph Rokeby's *Oeconomia Rokebiorum*, in 4 quarterly parts.

This periodical, devoted to the history, genealogy and antiquities of Scotland and the English Border Counties, the first number of which was noticed by us in October, has now reached the third number. It is filled with excellent antiquarian matter. We commend it to the patronage of our readers.

*Addresses on the Services of Washington, before the School Children of Boston, in the Old South Meeting-House, 22 February, 1886.* By WILLIAM EVERETT. Boston: Roberts Brothers. 1886. 12mo. pp. 29.

The life of Washington affords a rare example of the immense amount of good that a single determined will can accomplish when it has right on its side. So much has been written about him that we are almost tempted to think that nothing more can be said in his praise. We are certain that malice cannot wound that colossal character.

There have not been wanting those who would detract from his fame as a soldier. I believe he was a great soldier. He may not have been the brilliant strategist that Napoleon was, but then he had greater difficulties to contend with. Napoleon had disciplined soldiers, well paid and equipped. Washington had such recruits as he could muster, often destitute of food and clothing. But he had that grand tenacity of our British race which enables us to rule the world, a tenacity that will not let us know even when we are beaten. We never give up the battle as long as life lasts. It has been said of some general that he was more dangerous after a defeat than after a victory. It was so with Washington. He was never discouraged by defeat, but manfully fought his way through the dark cloud that surrounded him to the bright dawn of our national life. He was well acquainted with the ingratitude of men. He was no stoic, either, and he had a will strong enough to crush his enemies, but he never sought revenge. He always tried to do his duty before God and man. And he did do his duty. After weary years he saw the result of his labors.

Dr. Everett has given us an admirable summary of his life. It seems to me that he struck the keynote of the subject when he laid such stress on his character. He says: "It was his unflinching devotion to right and duty, the stern rebuke of anything like wrong, the absolute reliance on God and reference to his will, which lifted him up to a higher level than most of us reach, and caused men to look to his words and his very thoughts as those of the inspired of the Lord."

By Daniel Rollins, Esq., of Cambridge.

*A Memoir of Judge Ebenezer Thompson, of Durham, New Hampshire, with some account of his Parentage and Offspring.* By his Great-Granddaughter, MARY P. THOMPSON. Printed for Private Circulation only. Concord, N. H.: Printed by the Republican Press Association. 1886. 8vo. pp. 86.

A well-written biography is a valuable contribution to history, from the personal interest it adds to the events of a period, and from the opportunity it affords of studying them from a new point of view. Interesting as are the events of our Revolution, they gain a new charm when viewed successively from the standpoint of Washington, Adams, Greene, Patrick Henry, and its other leaders, great and

small, in the pages of their memoirs. Much good work has been done in this field, but a great deal remains undone. There are still many heroes of that period to whose ardent patriotism and important services, no adequate justice has been done. Such are Hancock, and Bowdoin, Weare, Bartlett and Folsom.

And such hitherto has been Judge Ebenezer Thompson, of Durham, of whom his great-granddaughter, Miss Mary P. Thompson, has now contributed, in an elegant pamphlet of eighty-four pages, a genealogical and biographical memoir, that will prove a valuable addition to New Hampshire history. Miss Thompson is an accomplished and graceful writer, and has all the perseverance and enthusiasm in research and the caution in statement of the thorough historical student. Her little book is the result of careful and diligent investigation, and it tells the story of a life that was devoted, in a remarkable degree, to the service of the public. Judge Thompson was a man of versatile powers. Educated a physician, he was also in early life a land-surveyor, and later was much consulted in matters of law. His public offices and duties were very many. From 1766 till the Revolution, he was a member from Durham of the General Assembly, where he became known as one of the chief leaders of the popular party. He was secretary of the several Provincial Congresses held at Exeter; first secretary of the State of New Hampshire, an office which he held till 1786; ten years clerk of the State Senate; six years a member and secretary of the Committee of Safety; five years a Councillor; member of the Constitutional Conventions at Concord in 1778-9, and in 1791-2; Justice of the Peace; Agent for New Hampshire in the Vermont Controversy; Representative and State Senator; Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Strafford Co. from 1783 to 1787; Judge of the Court from 1787 to 1795, and from 1796 to his death in 1802; Justice of the Superior Court, 1795-6; four times Presidential Elector, etc. In town matters he was equally active, being eighteen years Town Clerk; ten years Selectman; Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, Auditor of Accounts, etc. Ill health alone prevented his serving the people in a larger sphere. He twice declined elections to the Continental Congress. His was a busy and useful life, and we can well believe the statement of his biographer, that he was "incontestably the most eminent man ever born in the town of Durham."

A very valuable feature of this memoir is the genealogical portion, which is much fuller than is usual in biographies, and which is not a mere dry list of names and dates, but abounds in incidents of adventure. While Judge Thompson's paternal ancestry cannot as yet be traced with absolute certainty beyond his father, Robert of Durham, there is much information of interest concerning his mother's ancestors, the Emersons and Davises, who suffered in an unusual degree from the attacks of the Indians. It gives one a vivid idea of the hardships and perils of early New England life, to read that three of this lady's uncles and two of her aunts, with parts or the whole of their families, were at different times killed by the Indians; and another aunt, the famous heroine Hannah Dustan, and two cousins, were made prisoners, one of the latter becoming a nun in Canada, where her name is recorded as "M<sup>lle</sup> Des Vissees." There is also some account of the ancestry of Judge Thompson's wife,—the Torre and Otises; and a genealogy of his descendants, including valuable information of the connected families of Demerit, McCrillis and Kelsey.

The book is elegantly printed on handsome paper, and abounds in foot-notes of reference and explanation. It is a valuable monograph.

By D. G. Haskins, Jr., A.M., of Cambridge, Mass.

*Trans-Alleghany Pioneers. Historical Sketches of the First White Settlements West of the Alleghanies 1748 and after. Wonderful Experiences of Hardship and Heroism of those who first braved the dangers of the Inhospitable Wilderness and the Savage Tribes that then Inhabited it.* By JOHN P. HALE, Charleston, West Virginia. Cincinnati: The Graphic Press, 135 Main St. 1886.

Mr. Hale deserves much praise for collecting and preserving these memorials of "the first white settlements west of the Alleghanies." As he himself remarks: "Those who braved the dangers, privations and hardships of pioneer life and participated in the stirring scenes and events that attended the transformation of the wilderness into hives of industry and homes of comfort and luxury, seldom kept diaries, or left written records or histories of their wonderful achievements and thrilling experiences, the circumstances and surroundings not favoring the writing or preserving of such records; nor indeed did the tastes of the hardy pioneers run in that direction, and therefore, as the older generations passed away, many of them



carried with them recollections and traditions that can never be recovered, and thus has been lost much of the pioneer history as interesting as any that has been preserved."

The author, therefore, has done well to gather up what time has spared of the early history of the men and events in Kentucky, West Virginia and the adjacent territory. In doing so he has made a very interesting and valuable book. The volume is well printed, and is illustrated by portraits, views and other engravings.

*The Mournful Ballad of Isaac Abbott.* Robert Clarke & Co. Cincinnati. 1886. Fcp. 4to. 27 leaves. Price \$1.

The Mournful Ballad of Isaac Abbott of Hartford, North America, with the original air, were taken down by the editor, E. P. Cranch, Esq., of Cincinnati, Ohio, as he heard them more than fifty years ago from a nephew of Dr. Noah Webster, of New Haven, Ct. They are here printed from the editor's manuscript. Besides the music of the air, Mr. Cranch gives 24 full page comic illustrations by himself. He can furnish no information as to the authorship or exact date of this "relic of the simple country life of New England," though he tells us that "for more than a hundred years the ballad and the air have been handed down from father to son, by tradition alone, a kind of preservation awarded only to songs of real pathos and originality, and founded on events appealing to universal human interest."

*Addresses and Speeches on Various Occasions, from 1878 to 1886.* By ROBERT C. WINTHROP. Boston: Little, Brown and Company. 1886. 8vo. pp. xvi.+620. Portrait, appendix and index.

This is the fourth volume of Mr. Winthrop's collected addresses and speeches, and the many admirers of the eminent orator will regret to learn that he announces it as the last. Among the prominent features of this volume are the orations at the Yorktown Centennial, the Completion of the Washington Monument, and the unveiling of the Prescott Statue, the addresses at the centennials of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the Birth of Daniel Webster, the speech at the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Settlement of Boston, the tribute to General Grant and the memoir of Henry Clay, the latter written for the first volume of Memorial Biographies of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Nor should the stirring appeal for the preservation of the ancient grave-yards of Boston be considered of minor importance in this collection.

The volume contains in all ninety orations, addresses, speeches, papers, letters and memoirs, comprised within the limit of eight years; an evidence, considering the advanced age of the author, of remarkable industry and mental activity, more especially when the magnitude, grandeur and variety of some of the subjects treated and the painstaking care and judgment bestowed upon them all is noted. The Yorktown centennial oration alone consists of fifty-four pages, or more than one-twelfth of the entire volume.

It would be entirely superfluous at this late day to add any words of praise of so able and universally known an orator and so accomplished a historical scholar as Mr. Winthrop. It would be like "gilding refined gold or painting the lily." It is sufficient to say that he is one of the last and greatest of the orators of the old school. His eloquence is not like the roar, the rush, the spatter and the froth of the mountain torrent, but more resembles the broad, deep, placid swell of the ocean. With all this there is such a graceful charm of expression, such a felicity of phrasing and such a quiet dignity of style even in the more humorous portions, that the reader can scarcely take up a single passage in any part without being interested at once with the elegant, choice diction and elevated and refined thought here presented. His style of expression is the very poetry of history, and he makes that usually dry subject fascinating as well as ordinarily readable. The limits of this review prevent me from illustrating to any extent the beautiful character of this work, but I may be permitted perhaps to quote one passage as evidence of what is written above. Who can fail to be delighted at the closing part of the oration at the unveiling of the Prescott Statue where, after describing Col. Prescott's report of the result of the battle of Bunker Hill to Gen. Ward, and his request that if he could have three fresh regiments with arms and ammunition he would return and retake the hill, the orator concludes as follows:

"HE HAS RETURNED—not with three fresh regiments only, as he proposed, but with the acclamations of every soldier and every citizen within the sound of what is being said, or within any knowledge of what is being done here to-day. He

**WAS RETAKEN BUNKER HILL**—and with it the hearts of all who are gathered on it at this hour, or who shall be gathered upon it generation after generation in all the untold centuries of the future! ”

And the pity of it all is, that these great orators are passing away and leaving no successors. Able speakers there are, but no orators. Let us hope that future generations may be better provided in this respect, so that the scholarly, graceful, dignified oratory of an Everett or a Winthrop may be something more than a tradition.

*By Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston.*

**Memoir of Jonathan Mason Warren, M.D.** By HOWARD PAYSON ARNOLD. Printed for Private Distribution. Boston: University Press. 1886. 8vo. pp. 302.

This is a very excellent sketch of the life of one of Boston's most skilled and esteemed physicians. The son of Dr. John Collins Warren—of whom a memoir by the author of this book was printed in the third volume of the *Memorial Biographies* of this society—he sprung from a family noted for generations as surgeons, and although in broken health for many years, he by the force of a strong will maintained the highest position in his profession.

The author tells the story of Dr. Warren's life at school in Boston and of his medical studies in this country and abroad, where he made the acquaintance of the most eminent surgeons both in England and on the continent. His correspondence with his father and the entries made in his journal are often quoted, and the period which he spent in Europe is perhaps the most interesting portion of the memoir. Mr. Arnold portrays the many noble traits of Dr. Warren, and from this memoir may be learned the character of the ideal physician. The Doctor died at his home in Boston, August 19, 1867, aged 56, and his death was a loss not only to his profession, but to the poor whose friend he had ever been.

The frontispiece is a portrait of the Doctor in his forty-seventh year, and later in the work is another from a daguerreotype taken in Paris in 1844.

The author appears to be thoroughly qualified for his work, and has performed it in a manner most creditable to all concerned. It is hardly necessary to say that the book is printed in the best manner, and presents an attractive appearance.

*By George K. Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.*

**Annals of Augusta County, Virginia, with Reminiscences Illustrative of the Vicissitudes of its Pioneer Settlers; Biographical Sketches of Citizens locally prominent, and of those who have Founded Families in the Southern and Western States; a Diary of the War of 1861-5, and a Chapter on Reconstruction.** By Jos. A. WADDELL, Member of the Virginia Historical Society. [County Seal.] Richmond: Wm. Ellis Jones, Book and Job Printer. 1886. 8vo. pp. 374.

Mr. Waddell, the author of this book, is a native of Staunton, the county seat of the present Augusta county, and a grandson of the Rev. James Waddell, D.D., the celebrated "Blind Preacher." He is an active member of the Virginia Historical Society, and the present volume is brought out uniformly with the publications of that society. The basis of this volume is a contribution by Mr. Waddell to the "Historical and Geographical Atlas of Augusta County," issued by Waterman, Watkins & Co., of Chicago, Ill. This article is here extended to a volume, with much matter of interest that has never before appeared in print.

"The County of Augusta," we are told in the Preface, "originally extended from the Blue Ridge to the Mississippi River, east and west, and from the great lakes on the north to the northern boundary of Tennessee on the south." A map of the county from 1738 to 1770 forms a frontispiece to the volume.

Mr. Waddell, says the *Richmond Dispatch* of Nov. 25, 1886, "is singularly well qualified for the task which he has lovingly performed—faithfully and conscientiously. A practising lawyer—among the best esteemed of Staunton for many years—for a time the able and acceptable editor and publisher of the *Staunton Spectator*, a member of the state senate, and of the constitutional convention of 1867, a devoted Virginian and a thorough Augustan, his presentation of Augusta's features and of its people is no less an endearing than a faithful one."

The title page shows the wide range of subjects comprised in this volume, and the author has done justice to each of them. The book has a good index. It is handsomely printed on fine paper, with a generous margin, and does honor to the Richmond press from which it issues.

*Collège de Périgord.* PAR M. SAINT-CHARLES. Toulouse: Imp. Douladoure—Privat. Pamphlet. 88-55.

Another interesting and valuable contribution to the history of educational institutions in the Middle Ages; the result of the patient research in the hospital archives of Toulouse, by M. Saint-Charles. The college was founded in 1360, and exists to-day as a portion of the diocesan seminary at Toulouse. The work of M. Saint-Charles exhibits the foundation, the expenses, the statutes, the students and their quarters, the scholastic grades, the officers and the minor administrations of the institution, throughout its five centuries of existence. The learned men educated here have largely passed from human remembrance; but the Collège Périgord was the alma mater of Cujas, the juriconsult, the greatest, as he was among the earliest of the modern interpreters of the civil law; and also of Bayle, the eminent critical sceptic, whose Historical and Critical Dictionary is a masterpiece of extensive and curious information.

By George A. Gordon, A.M., of Somerville, Mass.

*The Journal of William Dowsing of Stratford, Parliamentary Visitor, appointed under a Warrant from the Earl of Manchester for Demolishing the Superstitious Pictures and Ornaments of Churches, etc. within the County of Suffolk in the Years 1643-1644. A New Edition with an Introduction, Notes, etc.* By the Rev. C. H. EVELYN WHITE. Ipswich: Pawsey and Hayes, The Ancient House. 1885. Crown 4to. pp. 61. Price 4s.

*The Great Domesday Book of Ipswich; Liber Sextus; with an Introduction to the Entire Volume, full Notes and a Commentary; with a Brief Account of the Earlier Little Domesday Books belonging to the same Town.* By the Rev. C. H. EVELYN WHITE. Ipswich: Pawsey and Hayes, Ancient House. 1885. Crown 4to. pp. 36. Only 250 copies printed. Price 2s. 6d.

*An Index to the Visitation of Norfolk, made A.D. 1664, with an Introduction by Charles H. Athill, Blue Mantle, Pursuivant of Arms.* Edited by the Rev. C. H. EVELYN WHITE. Ipswich: Pawsey and Hayes, The Ancient House. 1885. Crown 4to. pp. 12. Only 150 copies printed. Price 2s.

The Rev. Mr. White, the editor of these works, is the Honorary Secretary of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and Natural History and the editor of that society's Proceedings. He is also editor of "The East Anglian or Notes and Queries on Subjects connected with the Counties of Suffolk, Cambridge, Essex and Norfolk," a valuable monthly antiquarian publication.

The Journal of William Dowsing, the first book on our list, was first published 1768, and a second edition appeared in 1818. One or more later editions have been printed before this, but copies have become scarce, and Mr. White has acted wisely in bringing out the present annotated edition. Dowsing, who was born in 1596 and died in 1679, was commissioned, Dec. 19, 1643, to carry into effect the ordinance of Parliament August 28, 1643, for removing from churches and other places of worship all crucifixes, crosses and other emblems which the Puritan members of Parliament considered superstitious. Dowsing showed himself a zealous iconoclast, and did his disreputable work thoroughly. He began his labors at St. Peter's church, Sudbury, Jan. 9, 1643-4, and ended them at Parham on the 1st of October following. All the details of his mutilation of the churches are detailed in his Journal. The last entry will give an idea of his work:

"149. Parham-Hatcheston, Oct. the 1st. There were 21 Cherubims with Wings, in Wood; and 16 superstitious Pictures, and popish Saints; with a double Cross in the Church; and the representation of the Trinity on the Font; and the Spears and Nails that Christ was pierced and nailed with; and 3 Crosses, all in Stone; 4 superstitious Pictures in the Chancel, and a Cross, all in Glass; and the Steps to be levelled, by Mr. Francis Warner, by Oct. 15th. All to be done."

Mr. White gives a valuable Introduction to the Journal, and has appended to it some important illustrative notes. A tabular pedigree of Dowsing, of Laxfield in Suffolk, to which the image-breaker belonged, closes the volume.

The next work on our list is the sixth book of the Great Domesday Book of Ipswich. It is of more general interest than the other six books in the volume, as the greater part of its contents are matters relating not to Ipswich only but to the whole County of Suffolk. It contains a record of the taxes paid to the king by

every town in Suffolk, a list of Knights' Fees in the honors of Lancaster and Leicester in Suffolk, and other valuable records. The Great Domesday Book, preserved in the archives of the borough of Ipswich, was compiled in the 12th year of the reign of Henry VIII. by Richard Percyvale. It consists of seven books, and contains "as many of the old grants, liberties and ordinances, laws and contributions," as the compiler could find "good matter of record for, with other and sundry matters right necessary to be had and known in the town and borough of Ipswich." An earlier compilation known as the "Little Domesday Book," is also preserved. The Rev. Mr. White has added much interesting information in his introduction and notes.

The last work, the Index to the Visitation of Norfolk, A.D. 1664, is reprinted from "The East Anglian." It will be found useful to genealogists.

*L'Intermédiaire des Chercheurs et Curieux. Correspondance littéraire, Notes and Queries français; Questions et Réponses; Lettres et Documents inédits, Communications diverses.* Paris: Lucien Faucou, Directeur. 13 rue Cujas.

This learned and useful serial is published on the 10th and 25th of each month. It replies to all queries, without distinction, on religion, politics, history, science, art and every domain of human knowledge. It was established in 1864, was edited for twenty years by M. Carle de Rash, and for the last three years by the accomplished gentleman, who is its present director. In this extended existence, it has propounded more than ten thousand questions, given thirty thousand replies, and published more than two thousand letters and papers, previously inedited. It has been of inestimable service to science and literature. Its files are museums of curious facts in the history of France and its people, their manners and customs, from the earliest recorded times, which possess very great value to the archaeologist as well as to the student of French history.

By George H. Gordon, A.M., of Somerville, Mass.

*The Old Registers of the Parish of St. John Baptist, Peterborough. A Lecture Delivered before the Church Institute, 24 March, 1884.* By the Rev. W. D. SWEETING, M.A., Vicar of Maxey and late Head Master of King's School, Peterborough. With very numerous Extracts. Published by Request. Peterborough: Printed and published by George C Caster, Market Place. To be obtained of the author, Maxey Vicarage, Market Deeping, England. Price 1s. 6d., post free.

The Rev. Mr. Sweeting, the author of this lecture, is the editor of the Northamptonshire Notes and Queries, a valuable antiquarian quarterly publication illustrating the history of the county of Northampton. In the lecture before us he furnishes interesting information concerning the history of the parochial registers in England, and of the contents of those of St. John, Peterborough, the first book of which commences in October, 1559, twenty-one years after Cromwell's order of 1538, with extracts from the three earliest registers of that parish. In these extracts "the most curious and interesting are given as well as almost all the entries in which the addition of 'Mr.' or 'Esq.' or the like seems to show that the person spoken of was a member of a family of some distinction or importance." Whether any of our New England settlers, many of whom came from Yorkshire, trace their ancestry to this parish or not, we cannot say. The book will be interesting to our readers, however, for the light it throws on rural life in England, in their day as well as in earlier and later times, even though none of their ancestors were connected with the parish.

*History and Genealogy of the Montague Family of America, descended from Richard Montague of Hadley, Mass., and Peter Montague of Lancaster Co., Va. With Genealogical Notes of other Families by the Name of Montague.* Compiled by GEORGE WM. MONTAGUE. Revised and Edited by WILLIAM L. MONTAGUE, Professor of French, Italian and Spanish in Amherst College. Amherst, Mass., U. S. A.: Press of J. E. Williams. 1886. 8vo. pp. 785.

*History of the Dudley Family, with Genealogical Tables, Pedigrees, etc.* By DEAN DUDLEY, Author of Dudley Genealogies; the First Council of Nice, etc. Wakefield, Mass.: Dean Dudley, Publisher. 1886. Royal 8vo. To be published in numbers or parts of 100 pages each. Price \$1.00 per number. No. I. pp. 100.

*A Genealogical History of the Felton Family, Descendants of Lieut. Nathaniel Felton, who came to Salem in 1633. With a few Supplements and Appendices.* By CYRUS

- FELTON. Marlborough: Pratt Brothers, Printers and Publishers. 1886. 8vo. pp. 280.
- A Brief Genealogical History of the Ancestors and Descendants of Deac. Stephen Palmer of Candia, Rockingham County, N. H. With Some Account of the other lines of Descent from his original American Ancestor, Thomas Palmer, one of the Founders of Rowley, Mass., in 1639.* Brooklyn, N. Y.: 1886. 8vo. pp. xi.+96.
- Genealogical Notes relating to the Families of Hon. Lyman Hall of Georgia; Hon. Samuel Holden Parsons Hall of Binghamton, N. Y., and Hon. Nathan Kelsey Hall.* Arranged by THOS. PARSONS HALL, of Detroit, Mich. Albany, N. Y.: Printed for Private Distribution by Joel Munsell's Sons. 1886. 8vo. pp. 192.
- Memorial of the Family of Fynmore, with Notes on the Origin of Fynmore, Finimore, Phillimore, Fillmore, Filmer, etc., and Particulars of some of these Surnames from the Year 1208 to the Present Time.* By WILLIAM P. W. PHILLIMORE, M.A., B.C.L., late of Queen's College, Oxford. Illustrated. Published by the Author, 124 Chancery Lane, London. 1886. 8vo. pp. vii.+77.
- Genealogy of the Farnham Family.* By REV. J. M. W. FARNHAM, D.D., Superintendent of the Presbyterian Mission Press, Shanghai, China. Shanghai: Presbyterian Mission Press, Chicago: Alonzo Farnum, 181 West Monroe Street. 1886. 18mo. pp. 91.
- A Genealogical History of William Shepard, of Fossecut, Northamptonshire, England, and some of his Descendants.* By GEORGE L. SHEPARD, Boston, Mass. Salem, Mass.: Observer Book and Job Print. 1886. 8vo. pp. 63. Edition only 300. Price \$2, sent post paid. Address Cupples, Upham & Co., Boston.
- Genealogy of the Marsh Family. Outline for Five Generations of the Families of John of Salem, 1633; John of Hartford, 1636; Samuel of New Haven, 1646; Alexander of Braintree, 1654; John of Boston, 1669; and William of Plainfield, 1675.* Edited by D. W. MARSH. Amherst: Press of J. E. Williams. 1886. 8vo. pp. 60.
- Genealogy of a Portion of the Descendants of William Chase, who came to America in 1630, and died in Yarmouth, Massachusetts, May, 1659.* Washington, D. C. 1886. 8vo. pp. 31. Edition 200 copies. Price 50 cts. Address George W. Chase, Surgeon General's Office, Washington, D. C.
- Historical Notes of the Ancestry and Descendants of Henry Neill, M.D.* Privately Printed. 1886. 8vo. pp. 33.
- The Bartow Family in England.* By the REV. EVELYN P. BARTOW, A.M. 1886. 8vo. pp. 10.
- Lane Families of Massachusetts Bay Colony. Memorial Address at the Reunion of Kindred and Descendants, Sept. 1, 1886.* By REV. JAMES P. LANE. Printed by Request. 1886. 8vo. pp. 69. Price 50 cts. Address Rev. J. P. Lane, Norton, Mass.
- Lebanon Branch of the Guild Family in Connecticut, and Some of his Descendants.* By L. A. & G. S. GUILD. Woodbury, Conn.: Press of W. W. Wisegarvor. 1886. 12mo. pp. 20.
- Preliminary Outline of the Descendants of Isaac Willey of New London, Conn.* By HENRY WILLEY, of New Bedford. New Bedford, Mass.: E. Anthony & Sons, Printers and Publishers. 1886. 8vo. pp. 15.
- The Ludington Family, the First of the Name in America.* By LEWIS S. PATRICK. Marinette, Wis.: The Independent Press. 1886. 8vo. pp. 5.
- Bloss Genealogy. Descendants of Edmund and Mary Bloss.* 1886. 8vo. pp. 4. By J. O. BLOSS, 123 Pearl Street, New York City.
- The Morrills of the Seventeenth Century and the First Generation of the Eighteenth in America.* Printed by E. D. Morrill, Camden, Alabama, in 1886. Broadside tabular pedigree 17 by 8½ inches.

We continue our quarterly notices of recent genealogical publications.

The first book on our list is the Montague genealogy, a bulky volume of nearly 800 pages. The foundation of this work was the collections of Mr. William Henry Montague, of Boston, the last survivor of the founders of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. At an early age he took an interest in his ancestry and kindred, and prepared a genealogy of the descendants of Richard Montague down to the year 1850, with accounts of the English Montagues, which he intended to publish,

but the loss of his sight over a quarter of a century ago, and other causes, prevented him from doing this. Miss Mary Montague, of Granby, Mass., devoted several years to adding to his materials, till her death in 1880. Her manuscripts have been used by the present compilers, Mr. George W. and Prof. William L. Montague, of Amherst, Mass. They have greatly enlarged the work, and brought it out in a handsome volume, clearly and carefully arranged, with numerous portraits and other engravings. It has good indexes. Thirty-five pages are devoted to the English portion, besides three tabular pedigrees. The American portion is very thoroughly carried out, with full details of the several families and individuals and with precise dates. It is a valuable contribution to the genealogical literature of the country.

The History of the Dudley Family is by a veteran in genealogical research, Mr. Dean Dudley. More than forty years ago he commenced collecting materials illustrating the genealogy of his family, and in 1848 published an octavo of 144 pages, entitled "Dudley Genealogies." Though he termed the book merely an introduction to the work he was engaged on, it showed evidence of great research and a familiarity with the history of the family. Mr. Dudley has since visited England, and spent over a year in collecting materials about the English Dudleys and kindred families. He has since contributed to the REGISTER two articles on the descendants of Gov. Thomas Dudley; and in 1861 he issued a large lithographic tabular pedigree of the English Dudleys. He has continued, during the quarter of a century which has since elapsed, to gather facts both in regard to the English and American families. In the work, of which the first number is before us, he will present to his kindred and the public the ripe result of his labors. The present number is attractive for its mechanical as well as its literary merits. It is handsomely printed, on fine white paper, and is illustrated with numerous engravings, such as views of buildings, coats of arms, etc. Several large tabular pedigrees are given.

The Felton book is by the author of "A Brief Account of the Descendants of Nathaniel and Mary Felton, of Salem, Mass.," published in August, 1877, a pamphlet of 19 pages, of which a small edition—only 70 copies—was printed. The present work is very much enlarged, bringing the record down to the year 1886, and containing upwards of three hundred families. The book does much credit to the author. It is very full in its details and precise in its dates, and is clearly arranged. Full indexes of the Felton and other families, and of other surnames that occur in the work, are given.

The book on the Palmer family is devoted to the ancestors and descendants of Stephen Palmer of Candia, N. H., born 1751, died 1831; a great-great-grandson of Thomas Palmer, of Rowley, Mass., the emigrant ancestor. A grandson of Stephen, Mr. Josiah Palmer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who died May 13, 1884, in his 72d year, had collected materials for the history and genealogy of his family, which he directed in his will to be collated, classified and printed for the use of his children and other relatives. His manuscripts were placed in the hands of Frank Palmer, of Norwich, Ct., a graduate of Yale College, 1873, and of Andover Theological Seminary, 1880, who has arranged them, adding to them from his own memoranda. The result is the book before us, which shows great care and ability in the compiler. The volume is well printed and indexed, and has a large folding tabular pedigree.

The next book, the Hall "Genealogical Notes," is a very full account of the several families of Hall named in the title page, all of which are descended from John Hall, an early settler of Wallingford, Ct. It is well arranged and indexed. Tabular pedigrees of the Hall family and other families connected with it are given, among them being those of Parsons, Jewett, Bulkeley, Robbins, Brenton, Mather, and Lathrop. The book is illustrated by portraits and other engravings.

The "Memorials of the Family of Fynmore" will interest those bearing the several names which appear on the title page. The author, who gave us in the REGISTER his researches about the English relatives of one president of the United States (Garfield), in the present work furnishes similar information about another (Fillmore). The book has some new features, such as the statistics of names, a map showing the geographical distribution of the names in England, and the union of tables and narrative by means of cross references. The arrangement is based on that used in the REGISTER, and by means of this and the index the contents are easily referred to. The author is to be congratulated on being able to gather so much information upon the subject of his inquiries. The volume is illustrated with fine etchings of Whetham House and Hinksey Church, and a plate of the arms of Fynmore, Filmer and Phillimore.

The Farnham book is chiefly devoted to the descendants of Ralph Farnum, who

came to New England in 1635, and finally settled in Andover, Mass. The author, who has resided as a missionary in China for more than a quarter of a century, has been very successful in collecting the materials for this work, considering the disadvantages under which he has labored. It is clearly arranged and well indexed. The Rev. Dr. Farnham dedicates his work "To the New England Historic Genealogical Society, in grateful remembrance of the incentive and help its publications have furnished."

William Shepard, of Fossecut, to whose genealogy the next book is devoted, was the father of the Rev. Thomas Shepard, the famous minister of Cambridge, Mass. The latter preached the Election Sermon in 1637 and 1638. That in 1637 is probably lost, but the notes of that in 1638 are preserved and were printed in the *REGISTER*, October, 1870 (vol. xxiv. pp. 361-6). His son the Rev. Thomas Shepard also preached an Election Sermon, namely, that in 1672. This genealogy supplies a long felt want. It is well compiled and printed, and has an index.

The pamphlet on the Marsh family, besides the six genealogies named on the title page, has an account of the Marsh family reunion in 1886, at Lake Pleasant. It is printed by the Marsh Family Association. Additions and corrections are solicited for a larger work, for which the present is a good foundation.

The next pamphlet is devoted to the descendants of William Chase, an early settler of Roxbury, Mass., and afterwards one of the founders of Yarmouth in Plymouth Colony. His will and other genealogical matters form an interesting appendix. The work is carefully compiled, and well printed.

The pamphlet on the Neill family is devoted to the ancestry and descendants of Dr. Henry Neill, a physician, of Philadelphia, who died in 1845, aged 62. He was the grandson of John Neill, a lawyer from the north of Ireland, who settled in Delaware as early as 1739, and son of Dr. John Neill, of Lewistown, Del. The pamphlet gives a full record of this family, of which the Rev. Edward Duffield Neill, D.D., of St. Paul, Minnesota, the distinguished historical writer, is a member.

The Bartow pamphlet is supplementary to the Bartow Genealogy by the same author, published in 1878, and noticed by us in July of that year. The Rev. Mr. Bartow has traced the family in England three generations prior to the first emigrant to America.

The Lane pamphlet gives the able memorial Address of the Rev. Mr. Lane and other proceedings at the reunion in the Congregational Church, Hampton, N. H., in September last, of the descendants and kindred of William Lane, of Boston, 1651; William Lane, of Hampton, 1685; and Dea. Joshua Lane, of Hampton, who was killed by lightning, June 14, 1766. By the liberality of Ex-Gov. Frederick Smyth, of Manchester, N. H., contributors of one dollar or more towards erecting a granite monument over the grave of Dea. Joshua Lane and his wife will receive a copy of this pamphlet free.

The Guild pamphlet is supplementary to a brief genealogy of that family by L. A. and T. Guild, of Bethlehem, Ct., published in 1877.

The Willey pamphlet is preliminary to a full genealogy of the descendants of Isaac Willey now in preparation and nearly complete.

The Ludington pamphlet is chiefly devoted to William Ludington and his descendants. Mr. Ludington settled as early as 1642 in Malden, but removed to New Haven and died there in 1662.

The Bloss pamphlet is preliminary to a full genealogy now in preparation, as announced in this number.

The tabular pedigree of Morrill, gives three generations of the descendants of Abraham Morrill, an early settler of Cambridge and afterwards of Salisbury, Mass.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, TO DEC. 24, 1886.

### *I. Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.*

The Origin of Languages and the Antiquity of Speaking Man. An Address before the Section of Anthropology of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, at Buffalo, August, 1886. By Horatio Hale, vice-president. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son, University Press. 1886. 8vo. pp. 46.

**Settlement and Progress of the Town of Blue Hill, Maine.** An historical address by R. G. F. Candage, at Blue Hill Falls, September 7, 1886. Published and for sale by the Ladies' Social Library, Blue Hill, Maine. 1886. 8vo. pp. 43.

**The Old State House Defended from Unfounded Attacks upon its Integrity.** Being a reply to Dr. G. H. Moore's second paper, read before the Bostonian Society, Feb. 9, 1886. By W. H. Whitmore. Boston. 1886. 8vo. pp. 8.

**Groton Historical Series. No. XVI.** New chapter in the history of the Concord Fight. List of Groton subscribers to important books, etc. Groton, Mass. 1886. 8vo. pp. 25.

**Peabody Education Fund.** Proceedings of the Trustees at their twenty-fifth meeting, New York, October 6, 1886, with the Annual Report of the Acting General Agent, Dr. Samuel A. Green. Cambridge: University Press, John Wilson and Son. 1886. 8vo. pp. 47.

**Collections of the Bostonian Society. Vol. I, No. I.** William Blaxton. Read by Thomas Coffin Amory, November 9, 1880. Boston: Old State House. 1886. 8vo. pp. 25.

**Essays and Addresses.** By George Morgan Browne. Privately printed. 8vo. pp. 25.

**Reminiscences of Thirty Years' Active Membership in St. Paul Lodge, No. 2, I.O.O.F.** With a full history of the Order in St. Paul. An address delivered before St. Paul Lodge, No. 2, March 16, 1886. By J. Fletcher Williams. St. Paul: D. Rameley and Son. 1886. 8vo. pp. 57.

## II. *Other Publications.*

**Memorial of the 100th Anniversary of the Settlement of Dennysville, Maine, 1886.** Portland, Maine: B. Thurston & Co., Printers. 1886. 8vo. pp. 115.

**Minutes of the Seventy-seventh Annual Meeting of the General Association of the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches of New Hampshire,** held at Manchester, Sept. 14, 15 and 16, 1886. **Eighty-fifth Annual Report of the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society.** Bristol, N. H.: Printed by R. W. Musgrove. 1886. 8vo. pp. 104.

**Proceedings and Collections of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society. Vol. III.** Wilkesbarre, Penn.: Printed for the Society. 1886. 8vo. pp. 128.

**Harriet Livermore—"The Pilgrim Stranger."** By Rev. S. T. Livermore. Hartford, Conn. 1884. 8vo. pp. 223.

**Second Series. Vol. XI, No. II.** Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of London, April 1 to July 1, 1886. London: Printed by Nichols and Sons, for the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House. 8vo. pp. 129-190.

**William Penn, the Friend of Catholics.** By Martin J. J. Griffin. Philadelphia: Press of the I. C. B. U. Journal. 1886. 8vo. pp. 9.

**Proceedings of the Eighteenth Annual Convocation of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union of the United States,** held at Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 1 and 2, 1886. Philadelphia: Kildare's Printing House, 734 and 736 Sanson St. 1886. 8vo. pp. 42.

**Hon. Horatio Seymour, LL.D., Ex-Governor of the State of New York,** late President of the Oneida Historical Society. By Isaac P. Hartley, D.D., second vice-president O. H. S. Utica, N. Y.: Press of L. C. Childs and Son, 33 and 35 Charlotte St. 1886. 8vo. pp. 30.

**In Memoriam James Eells, D.D., LL.D.** Born in Westmoreland, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1822; died in Cincinnati, O., Mar. 9, 1886. 8vo. pp. 82.

**One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Annual Report of the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenaeum,** Newport, R. I., to the Proprietors. Submitted Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1886. Newport, R. I.: F. A. Marshall, Printer. 1886. 8vo. pp. 29.

**1779. Sullivan's Expedition against the Indians of New York.** A letter from Andrew McFarland Davis to Justin Winsor, corresponding secretary Massachusetts Historical Society, with the Journal of William McKendry. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son, University Press. 1886. 8vo. pp. 45.

**Bi-Centennial Celebration.** Woodstock, Conn., 1886. September 5, 6 and 7, 1886.

**Address on the Services of Washington;** before the school children of Boston, in the Old South Meeting House, Feb. 22, 1886. By William Everett. Boston: Roberts Bros. 1886. 12mo. pp. 29.

**Ancient and Modern Methods of Arrow-Release.** By Edward F. Morse. 8vo. pp. 56.

**Memoir of Jonathan Mason Warren, M.D.** By Howard Payson Arnold. Boston. 1886. 8vo. pp. 329.

**The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, 1886.** Minutes of the Eighty-fourth Annual Meeting, Westfield, June 15-17; with the statistics. Boston: Cong. Pub. Society, Congregational House. 1886. 8vo. pp. 122.

**Memorials of the Class of 1835, Harvard University.** Prepared on behalf of the Class Secretary. By Charles Horatio Gates. Boston: David Clapp and Son. 1886. 8vo. pp. 106.



## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS IN EUROPE RELATING TO AMERICA—1763-1783.—[In the REGISTER for January, 1886, attention was called to the researches of Mr. B. F. Stevens, of London, in the public and private archives of certain European states, for materials relating to the history of America during the Revolution, and of his desire that the United States government should aid him to print these important documents.]

Since that time, at the instance of the State Department, a clause was added to the general appropriation bill, in the United States Senate (which, however, failed to pass the late House of Representatives), providing for defraying the expenses of procuring copies of all such papers as relate to the Peace of 1763. Mr. Stevens was to have charge of this collection; in other words, the copies were to be purchased of him, properly indexed, with cross-references and critical notes in the manner set forth in his prospectus of the more extensive scheme which it is his ambition eventually to execute for his countrymen, as his monumental work.

Mr. Stevens, whose proposals have hitherto been communicated through his friends and agents here, is now in this country, conferring personally with prominent members of the leading historical societies of the New England and Middle States, on the subject of devising a plan for preserving for general use the results of his researches, continued through nearly a quarter of a century, in the Public Record Office in London, and in the chief repositories of historical manuscripts on the continent of Europe.

There is an encouraging unanimity of opinion among those with whom he has conferred, that an INDEX of all these foreign papers between the years 1763 and 1783,—not so full, perhaps, as the printed Calendars of the British Records-Commission, but sufficiently particular to denote the substantial points of interest in each paper,—should be printed for general use, by authority of Congress, and that Mr. Stevens should be employed to do the work.

The number of separate documents examined and docketed by Mr. Stevens already amounts to 95,000. No man living has (as undoubtedly no man before him ever had) equal facilities for access to the repositories in which these documents are lodged, and it is not likely that another single person for many years to come will have at his command an equally well-trained and efficient company of copyists and gleaners. These considerations alone warrant us in recommending Mr. Stevens as the best man to be entrusted with the arduous and critical labor of preparing the Index above described. But another reason for engaging his services will strike all fair-minded men as conclusive; and that is, that, from pure devotion to the work, and a conviction of its importance, he has expended, in time and money, in this line of research, what is equivalent to not less than \$50,000—it being the recreative employment to which much of his ordinary hours of labor, and all his spare time, have been devoted.

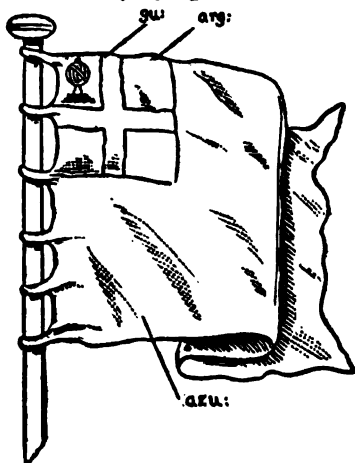
Memorials are being prepared and forwarded by historical societies and students of history throughout the Union, to Congress, urging the appropriation of a sum sufficient to insure the completion of this Index by Mr. Stevens within a reasonably short period, and under such guaranties as to the times and terms of payment as will secure for the government an equivalent for the money disbursed.

We need not add that we heartily wish this movement success; commending it to the favorable attention of members of Congress, and urging all students of history to give it their active support.

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PORTRAIT OF THE EARL OF CHATHAM.—R. A. Brock, Esq., secretary of the Virginia Historical Society, has contributed to the Richmond Dispatch, Sept. 26, 1886, a full and interesting history of the striking heroic-sized portrait in oil, displayed on the wall of the House of Delegates in the Capitol of the State of Virginia, of the celebrated orator and statesman, William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, the champion of the constitutional rights of the British colonies in America. It was painted in 1768 by Charles Wilson Peale, father of Rembrandt Peale, for Edmund Jennings, and presented by him to some admirers of Chatham in Westmoreland county, Va. It arrived in Virginia in 1769, and was set up at "Stratford Hall," then the residence of Richard Henry Lee, where it remained many years, until on the erection of the new court house about 1825, it was lodged in that building. Here it remained till December, 1847, when by resolution of the County Court the portrait was transferred to the state of Virginia.

AN EARLY FLAG OF NEW ENGLAND.—Somewhat over forty years ago, when the writer of this note was first sent out by her Britannic Majesty's government to do duty in South Africa, he became possessed, shortly after his arrival at Cape-town, of an engraved sheet of one hundred and forty of those flags of the world, which were flown about the close of the seventeenth century. This collection of ensigns (all colored by hand) bears three Titles, one in French, one in Dutch, and one in English, the latter running, rather wildly, thus: "A NEW TABLE of all the SHIPS Colors or Ensigns in the Wholl WATER WORLD."



Among the variety of a dozen and a half of flags attributed to England, may be mentioned the 'Gread' Standard; the Flag of the 'Peopel' of 'Engeland'; the 'Old King's' Flag; the 'Eng: Protestants' Flag; Scotch, Irish and Guineaman's Colors; but the chief interest of the Society will centre upon No. 18, which represents the *Flag of New England* (Vlag van Nieu (Nieu) Engeland). The fly of this Ensign is colored blue; in the dexter chief angle is the banner of St. George, viz. a canton argent charged with a cross gules, and bearing in the first quarter a skeleton globe, of which no tincture is given.\* Accompanying this brief mem: will be found a pen and ink sketch of these early Colonial Colors, which may serve for comparison with any other old descriptions or drawings of their ancient Flag, to which New England archaeologists may have access.

In fixing the period as being between 1695-1701, sufficient support is found by the fact that one engraving represents the 'Nieu' Standard of "Willem den 111," and that another, as before noted, is called the 'old King's Flag.' The sheet under notice was issued at Amsterdam, and published, with privileges, by Joannes Coven and Cornelis Mortier.

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Wimbledon, London, Eng.

TIMOTHY DEXTER'S ALLEGED SPECULATION IN CONTINENTAL MONEY.—I have been asked several times for my authority for the statement in the article on Timothy Dexter, in the October number of the REGISTER, that Dexter gained wealth by speculating in continental money, in imitation of John Hancock and Thomas Russel. It was taken, with no investigation and no thought, from the Life of Timothy Dexter by Samuel L. Knapp. My main object was to show how improbable are the stories about Dexter's speculations in warming-pans etc. etc., that gave him his peculiar notoriety, and that have been accepted without a question, and I gave but little attention to other points in his history. His biographer, Knapp, 1783-1838, was a native of Newburyport, practised law there, knew Dexter, and wrote his life not long after his decease. Born before the adoption of the Constitution, the whole history of continental money and the other depreciated securities of the United States and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts must have been familiar to Knapp and the whole community, just as all now know the history of our greenbacks and government bonds during the late war. The following extract is from the Life of Dexter, now a very rare book:—

"The old continental money was depreciated to almost nothing, and the securities issued by the state of Massachusetts, which had for awhile kept public confidence in that quarter alive, had now sunk to about two shillings and sixpence on the pound. The patriotic holders were greatly distressed: many of them, possessing nothing for seven years' services but this trash, were forced to part with it for anything they could get. Two benevolent gentlemen in Boston, John Hancock, governor of the commonwealth at that time, who had formerly been president of the continental congress, and Thomas Russel, the most eminent

\* See History of the Flag of the United States, by Rear Adm. George Henry Preble, U.S.N. Boston, 1884, p. 189.

merchant then in America, to keep up the public confidence and to oblige a friend would make purchases of these securities until the amount was considerable. This had the desired effect in some measure, and a few other purchasers were found, but hard money was so scarce that not much was done in this brokerage. Dexter, finding his great neighbors, Hancock and Russel, doing something in stocks, took all his own cash with what his wife had, and in imitation purchased likewise. He probably made better bargains than the magnates did. He bought in smaller quantities, and had better opportunities to make his purchases than they had. He felt that he could live on his industry, and ventured all on the chance of these securities ever being paid. When Hamilton's funding bill went into operation, he was at once a wealthy man, etc."

Whatever may have been the fact, there can be no doubt from the above extract, that, in the opinion of their contemporaries, Dexter, Hancock, and Russel made money out of the depreciated securities of the government and state. In the case of Hancock and Russel, it is attributed to their patriotism, just as patriots during the late war purchased our bonds at a large discount. If Knapp was wrong in any of his statements, it is only additional proof, that what often passes for history is largely the creation of historians, and must be received with caution.

WILLIAM C. TODD.

*Newburyport, Mass., Dec. 13, 1886.*

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**THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICES OF THE LATE BRIG. GEN. JOHN WOLCOTT PHELPS.**—This is the title of a carefully prepared and interesting paper read at Boston, Dec. 1, 1886, before the New England Historic Genealogical Society, by Cecil H. C. Howard. Mr. Howard has had many requests for printed copies of his paper, and wishes us to announce that if a sufficient number are subscribed for at 25 cents a copy it will be printed. Address C. H. C. Howard, Astor Library, New York, N. Y.

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**REGISTER OF PERLETHORPE, NOTTS, 1528-1813.**—George W. Marshall, LL.D., F.S.A., has in press the register of Perlethorpe, one of the three oldest parish registers in England, the others being those of Carburton, in the same county, and Elsworth, co. Cambridge. It begins ten years earlier than the order of Thomas Cromwell, afterwards Earl of Essex, as Vicar General in 1538 for the keeping of parish registers, and, independently of its genealogical and topographical value, is therefore of more than ordinary interest to antiquaries. The original register has been faithfully copied and will be printed in small folio, page for page, line for line, and letter for letter, which will render the book a reliable and trustworthy copy. Dr. Marshall has examined the wills and administrations of persons who lived in the parish and has added them as foot-notes to the burials of those to whom they relate. The book will be ready for delivery early in this year. A very limited edition will be printed for subscribers, price one guinea. Should any balance remain after defraying the cost of printing it will be given to some pious or charitable work in the parish. Address, Dr. Marshall, Carlton Hall, Worksop, Notts.

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**GENEALOGICAL REGISTER OF WELLS AND KENNEBUNK, ME.**—For more than a year Mr. Will S. Thompson, of Kennebunk, Me., has been collecting material for a work with this title. The work will contain full genealogies of the early families brought down nearly to the present day, tracing when possible back to the emigrant ancestor. It will also include lists of soldiers and town officers. Maps showing the location of roads, estates, garrisons, churches and early wills will be given. Persons having documents, family records or other information relating to these towns, are requested to communicate with Mr. Thompson.

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**HOADLY'S JUDGES AND OFFICERS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CONNECTICUT.**—In 1885, the Legislature of Connecticut directed the state librarian "to prepare a list of Judges of the Superior Court, of the Clerks of the said court, of the State Attorneys and of the Sheriffs, with the dates of their respective appointments and terms of service from the organization of said court, for publication in the volume of Connecticut Reports issued next after said list shall be prepared." Charles J. Hoadly, A.M., the state librarian, has prepared, in his usual thorough and accurate manner, such a list; and it has been printed as an appendix to the

fifty-third volume of Connecticut Reports. We regret to say that it has not been published in a separate form. As no lists of Clerks, State Attorneys and Sheriffs have ever been published, and as other information in this appendix can be found nowhere else, we take pleasure in drawing attention to this compilation. It supplies a want, and must have cost Mr. Hoadly a great deal of time and labor. It will be of great service to the public.

**REGISTERS OF WANDSWORTH, SURREY, 1603 to 1787.**—It is proposed to publish, should a sufficient number of subscribers be obtained, The Parish Registers of Wandsworth in the County of Surrey from the commencement in 1603 to 1787. The proximity of Wandsworth to London, and the fact that the Registers contain numerous entries relative to the Huguenots, both French and Dutch, who settled here, give them more than a local interest. It is in the register of this parish that the marriage of John Harvard's mother, Mrs. Katherine Ellettson, to Richard Yearwood is recorded (See REGISTER, vol. xl. p. 371). The Registers will be edited for the vicar of the parish, the Rev. William Reed, M.A., by Mr. John T. Squire and will be issued to subscribers in four parts—1, Marriages; 2, Baptisms; 3, Burials; 4, Index and Title page, etc. They will be uniform in size with the Harleian Society's Registers. Price, 5s. each part, or in one volume bound in cloth 21 shillings, not including postage. Subscriptions received by Mr. J. T. Squire, 33 Birdhurst Road, Wandsworth, Surrey, England.

**THE CANDLER MANUSCRIPTS.**—Joseph James Muskett, Esq., 5 Park Crescent, Stoke Newington, London, England, has nearly ready for the press and will publish if enough copies are subscribed for to defray the cost, the well-known genealogical manuscripts of Matthias Candler, vicar of Coddesham (b. 1604, d. 1663). The value of these manuscripts in tracing the ancestry of our New England families is appreciated by many genealogists in this country. An account of them is printed in the *East Anglian*, Ipswich, England, Sept. 1886. A part of these volumes are in the Bodleian Library and a part in the British Museum. Most of the pedigrees in them are obscurely arranged and hard to decypher. Mr. Muskett has been engaged for seven years in collecting materials for the genealogical history of the county of Suffolk, and has spent much in copying these manuscripts and in annotating them. He has read through the Suffolk wills at London, Bury, Ipswich and Norwich, and possesses the means of verifying or correcting the great majority of Candler's genealogical statements. The work will be thoroughly annotated and indexed. It will be well and clearly printed in small quarto, and will be furnished to subscribers at one guinea. Subscriptions should be sent at once to the above address. No unpublished manuscripts have so great a value as these to the genealogists of this country.

**AUSTIN'S GENEALOGICAL DICTIONARY OF RHODE ISLAND.**—This important work, of which a prospectus will be found at the end of the REGISTER for April, 1885, is announced as nearly printed, only 40 families remaining to be set in type out of 486 in all. The work of indexing has kept pace with the printing. It is expected that the book will be ready for delivery about the first of April next.

**W. P. W. PHILLIMORE, M.A., B.C.L.,** 124 Chancery Lane, London, England, who has contributed several articles to the REGISTER, proposes to make a search at an early date in the indexes and calendars of some of the books and records which are of special service to the genealogist. The present search will be confined to the letter B. Complete lists of all reference to any surname with the initial B will be supplied to those who require them. Terms can be learned from Mr. Phillimore. The indexes or calendars to the following records among others will be examined—Patent Rolls, Close Rolls, Chancery Proceedings, Depositions, Royalist Composition Papers, Star Chamber Proceedings, Inquisitiones Post Mortem, Wills, &c. The periods searched will be principally of the 16th and 17th centuries. The saving of labor in this new mode of search is obvious.

**HITCHCOCK.**—The lineage of Augustus Hitchcock (born 1793, died 1865), from a paper in his handwriting is printed in the *Seymour Record*, Nov. 26, 1886. Articles on local and family history frequently appear in this paper, which is published by

W. C. Sharpe, Seymour, Ct.; price \$1 a year. The *Record* for Nov. 19, under the head of "Seymour's Early Titles," contains an article on "Naugatuck."

**TOWN HISTORIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons having facts or documents relating to any of these towns are advised to send them at once to the person engaged in writing the history of that town.

**Woodbury, Conn.** By William Cothren, of Woodbury, Conn.—Mr. Cothren published in 1854 the first volume of his *History of Ancient Woodbury*. The volume has been long out of print, and he proposes, if 350 copies are subscribed for at \$4 a volume, to reprint it.

**GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think may be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. Government, the holding of other offices, graduation from colleges or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of birth, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one Christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

**Bloss.** By James O. Bloss, 123 Pearl street, New York, N. Y.—The emigrant ancestor of this family was Edmond Bloss or Bloyce, who settled at Watertown, Mass., as early as 1639. Mr. Bloss has many of the lines brought down to the present generation. Any information sent to the above address will be thankfully received.

**Brown.** By Wilbur Cutter Brown, P. O. Box 2684, Boston, Mass.—Mr. Brown is compiling a genealogy of the descendants of Bartholomew and Sarah (Rea) Brown, and asks assistance from the readers of the *REGISTER*. See last number, where Mr. Brown's name was erroneously printed *William*.

**Cutts.** By Cecil H. C. Howard, Astor Library, New York city.—Mr. Howard has made good progress on a genealogy of this family, and solicits further information from those who can assist him.

**Durant.** By the Rev. William Durant, Morristown, N. J.—The Rev. Mr. Durant is collecting genealogical materials relating to all of families of this name in this country. He will especially endeavor to trace the descendants of John Durant, who settled in Billerica, Mass., in 1659, and of George Durant who settled in Middletown, Ct., in 1663. The latter had a son Edward and four daughters who married John Wade, John Waller, Samuel Shethar, Benjamin Chapman, Amos Tinker and Samuel Tinker, whose descendants it is desired to trace. Genealogical blanks have been printed and will be sent to those who intend to furnish information for this work.

**Sherman.** By the Rev. David Sherman, D.D., of Holliston, Mass.—He has in preparation a *Genealogy* of both the Plymouth Shermans, who descend from William Sherman, one of the original settlers of Marshfield, and the Boston Shermans, including the descendants of Capt. John, and Pastor John, of Watertown, Samuel, who settled in Bridgeport, Conn., and Philip an original settler of Rhode Island. All the descendants who have not furnished their record are desired to do so at once by corresponding with Dr. Sherman.

**Taylor.** By William O. Taylor, Shelburne Falls, Mass.—Mr. Taylor has been engaged for several years in collecting material for a genealogy of the descendants of John Taylor of Windsor, Ct., and has extensive records relative to this family. He has also much material concerning other Taylors. He will be thankful for genealogical information relative to the name, and will render any aid in his power to genealogists seeking information about the Taylors.

**Wight.** By William Ward Wight, of Milwaukee, Wis.—He has been engaged for several years upon a *Genealogy* of the family of Wight, supplementary to, and a revision of, a little volume published about forty years ago by the late Danforth Phipps Wight, M.D., of Dedham, Mass. Mr. Wight expects to print his manuscript during the ensuing year. Meanwhile he will gladly welcome additions to his material from members of the family either in male or female lines, as well as from fellow compilers of genealogies. Any information in Mr. Wight's possession relative to this family and to intermarrying families is at the disposal of inquirers.

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## BOOK NOTICES.

THE EDITOR requests persons sending books for notice to state, for the information of readers, the price of each book, with the amount to be added for postage when sent by mail.

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*The Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island.* By JOHN OSBORNE AUSTIN. Providence. 1887. Large 4to. Price \$10.00. Delivered to any Post office in the United States. Author's address, P. O. box 81, Providence, R. I.

The possession of the advance sheets of this work enables us to thoroughly understand its many merits. The author shows his appreciation of the skilful and laborious *researches* of the only writer in this country who may be considered as his predecessor by dedicating the work "To the memory of James Savage." He prefaces by the statement: "Any intelligent person is capable of becoming interested in family history. This interest is increasing in this country to such an extent that a great desire is now manifested by many for a fuller knowledge of their ancestry. Such a knowledge encourages truly democratic ideas by showing the universal brotherhood of the race. The material gathered in these pages was drawn from many sources.

"It is presented to the reader by a clear method requiring but little explanation, though the plan is a comprehensive one and the arrangements in some respects original. There is no attempt made to give a record of persons whose stay was but a temporary one in this colony. The towns annexed to Rhode Island in 1747, and later, are not considered to come strictly within the scope of this work; yet many families in these towns are included, particularly in Tiverton and Little Compton, which were largely settled from the older part of the colony. In such cases the towns are reckoned as though always within the bounds of Rhode Island. It is the hope of the author that this book may prove an incentive to many family genealogies, whereby the records of individuals may be brought down to the present time."

In view of the modest and closely pruned statement of the author, it is interesting to note what the book actually is and contains. It is a large quarto volume of about 450 pages, printed in brevier type, and equivalent to four volumes in octavo form of the same number of pages. The paper and binding are of excellent quality. The arrangement of families is so clear that notwithstanding the almost innumerable details included, as hereafter noted, the eye readily appreciates on a page (or in case of families carried to four generations on two pages facing each other), all the members of all the generations given and their relations to each other, while the details of the text do not interfere with a rapid scanning of any family, if that alone is desired.

The book gives the record of four hundred and sixty-six families, comprising the "settlers" previous to 1690, all carried to the third, and with ninety-three of them carried to the fourth generation; and all thoroughly indexed. It gives the names of over 11,000 persons, members of these families; records their births and, in all but the last generation, their marriages and deaths, and traces out their migrations. It gives abstracts of the settlements of more than 1100 estates and a great number of early deeds. It records the offices held by and public services of the earlier members of these families, and gives almost innumerable incidents of their domestic life as gathered from contemporaneous writings and official records. The author takes *nothing* from tradition.

To the future historian and to all interested in the true home and public life of our ancestors this book will be invaluable, as here can be found in one volume what could be nowhere else obtained without a degree of research practically impossible. For instance, we learn that Oct. 3d, 1632, John Whipple was ordered to give 3s. 4d. to his master, Israel Stoughton, of Dorchester, Mass., "for wasteful expenditure of powder and shot,"—when he received a grant of land—when and where his children were baptized—when and where he and his wife joined the church—when he sold his land and to whom—when he removed to Providence—what land was given him—when he was chosen a "deputy"—when he had license to keep an "ordinary"—his military service and its results in booty—his will (in abstract)—the descent of his estate—that when he died in 1682, he had in personal estate £41 11s. 4d., viz. 1 yoke oxen, 2 cows, 2 yearlings 2 two years, 2 calves, steer, 3 swine, feather bed, 7 pewter platters, 5 pewter porringers, 3 old spoons, chisel, guage, augers, etc., and finally where he was buried, and where his and his wife's remains when later disinterred were removed and now repose. That in 1680, a son of his brought in a wolf's head that he, the son, had killed "not far of the Town." That another son, in 1684, agreed to furnish the town (of Providence) with a pair of stocks of stout oak plank. That there was a quarrel among the representatives of another son, who died in 1711, as to the division of such son's estate, and how and why it was compromised (setting aside his will by mutual consent) rather than appeal to the law "which would be greatly troublesome to all parties and great charge and would cause animosities of spirit and alienation of affection." And so on with the innumerable particulars of daily life in all these early families.

We have spoken of Mr. Austin's reverence for James Savage, in whose path to a certain extent he has followed. Mr. Savage was, excepting the meagre work of his predecessor, Mr. Farmer, the pioneer in this line of research. But Mr. Austin, coming at a later day, with greater resources, a more limited field, and above all, with the assistance of Mr. Savage's work, has been able to glean more exhaustively. In the three generations of these families of which Mr. Savage treats, he was able to give particulars of 3,688 individuals. In three generations of the families of which Mr. Austin treats, he has been able to give us over 8,300 individuals.

It must not be supposed, because we have spoken of the smallness of the field covered, that this book will be only of a local interest. Even in the period of which the work treats (some of the latest dates coming down to about 1760) we find that numerous descendants of these families had migrated to Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, the Jerseys, and further west and south, while to-day their descendants are numbered by the million, and scattered all over this broad land and in many foreign countries.

It was a bold, we may say a hazardous act, on the part of Mr. Austin to attempt the task he has now completed after years of continuous and arduous labor. Only those acquainted with the difficulties of genealogical research into the earlier generations of the colonists can appreciate it. But now that it is completed it will serve to stimulate and aid others, who not having his persistence, and perhaps lacking his facilities, have attempted to walk in the same paths and failed.

This book will enable many genealogical works to be perfected that otherwise would remain unwritten, and thus fulfil the hope that the author has expressed in his preface.

*By Welcome Arnold Greene, Esq., Providence, R. I.*

*The Western Boundary of Massachusetts: A Study of Indian and Colonial History.*

By FRANKLIN LEONARD POPE. Pittsfield, Mass.: Privately Printed. 1886. 8vo. pp. 62.

In this paper Mr. Pope recapitulates the discoveries and explorations, by the Dutch, of the Hudson River and the lower waters of the Housatonic and Connecticut, their occupancy of the Valley of the Hudson in the vicinity of Albany, their rights to sovereignty by virtue of prior discovery, and states distinctly the grounds of the rival claims of both the Dutch and English to the country. He outlines the boundaries of the territory belonging to the Mahican Indians at the time of these discoveries, gives an account of the sales of their lands to the Dutch and English, together with much that is interesting relative to their somewhat obscure history; all of which is pertinent and prefatory to the main subject—the determination of the line between Massachusetts and New York. Mr. Pope shows that the boundary disputes existed as early as 1659, and that the divisional line was semi-officially determined, by the King's Commissioners, in 1664, at a general distance of 20 miles east of the Hudson river,—a determination apparently acceptable to Massachusetts, and, curiously enough, the same which prevailed at the final establishment of the line, after the contentions of more than a century.

Mr. Pope details the history of the patents for lands granted by the government of New York, the injustice inflicted on the Indians, and the chicanery of the patentees in extending their boundaries far beyond the limits of their purchases. Of the patents thus granted, the Lower Claverack Manor was dishonestly made to extend to the Housatonic, while the Westenhook patent included lands on both sides of that river, and the Manor of Livingston embraced most of the present towns of Mount Washington. In these patents, extending far to the east of the 20 mile line, lies the foundation of the border conflicts, and the main source of the difficulties which attended the settlement of the boundary.

As early as 1719, Massachusetts, having in view the occupancy of the wild lands of the Housatonic, appointed Commissioners and made overtures to New York for the establishment of the divisional line, but New York did not coöperate in the matter. In 1727, Massachusetts grants to her own citizens two townships of land on the Housatonic, and appoints a committee to lay them out, to purchase the land of the Indians, and to admit settlers. In 1724, the Indians, ignoring the claims which the patentees under New York grants might have to the territory, convey to the Committee a large tract bounding south on Connecticut and west "*On ye Patten or Collony of New York.*" Two years later, the Massachusetts men began to settle upon the lands, but were immediately molested by the owners of the Westenhook patent. New York then (1722) calls upon Massachusetts to desist "until the line be fixed." Massachusetts complies; instructs her committee to make no further settlements, and twice—1730 and 1733—appoints commissioners to join with New York in establishing the line; but New York takes no action, and the settlements are pushed forward with vigor. Again, in 1740, Massachusetts appoints commissioners, but New York declines on the ground that she has no authority without "his Majesty's approbation."

The course of New York in the matter seems vacillating and insincere. Later, troubles and conflicts at arms arose between the tenants on Livingston's Manor and their landlord—instigated by David Ingersoll, and abetted by Massachusetts men. But these conflicts were not without some good effect, and in reality forced upon New York the necessity of establishing the boundary line.

In 1753 and in 1754, New York appoints commissioners for that purpose, but in each instance with limited powers, especially in 1754, when she instructs them to include within her boundaries all the lands previously granted by her. This could not be assented to by Massachusetts, for the New York grants included a large part of Sheffield, Great Barrington and Stockbridge, which were then settled. The troubles on the border continue, and in 1755 Massachusetts lays out two townships—Taconic and Nobletown—the first mostly to the east, the latter to the west of the 20 mile line. Finally, in 1767, the King refers the matter to commissioners to be appointed by each province. Such commissioners were twice appointed, in 1767 and 1773. The last agreed upon, substantially, the 20 mile line; but at that time, and again in



1784, disagreements as to the variation of the needle prevented the running and marking of the boundary. The line agreed upon in 1773, was ultimately surveyed and marked in 1787, by commissioners appointed by Congress.

In this paper Mr. Pope has contributed a valuable chapter and much new material to the history of south-western Massachusetts, as well as to the adjacent territory in New York. He brings to light the fact, heretofore undiscovered by local writers, that the earliest settlements in Berkshire County were made on Taconic mountain, by tenants of Robert Livingston, several years previous to the influx of Massachusetts men into the Housatonic valley. The paper bears evidence of earnest research; abounds in notes and references to authorities consulted, and is accompanied by a map of the country from the Hudson to the Housatonic, with the boundary line, and the several grants made by the government of New York.

By Charles J. Taylor, Esq., of Great Barrington, Mass.

*The Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths and Intentions of Marriage in the Town of Dedham. Volumes 1 and 2, with an Appendix containing Records of Marriages before 1800, returned from other Towns, under the Statute of 1857. 1635—1845.* Edited by DON GLEASON HILL, Town Clerk, Member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society and of the Dedham Historical Society. Dedham, Mass. Printed at the office of "The Dedham Transcript." 1886. 8vo. pp. v. + 286. Price \$2.25.

This volume of town records is one of the most important publications of its kind, and will be of constant use to genealogical investigators, as Dedham is one of those ancient towns from which numerous settlers went forth in the early days to establish homes in other places, often in the untrodden wilderness. The fact that the entries are given verbatim from the original adds greatly to the value of the work, and the well known accuracy of Don Gleason Hill, Esq., the editor, who carefully compared the proof with the original, insures correctness. There are two entries of births as early as 1635, one year previous to the incorporation of the town, the first recorded birth being that of "Mary, Daughter of J<sup>n</sup> & Hana Dwight, borne 25 of y<sup>e</sup> 5 m<sup>o</sup>," and from this time down to the year 1845, when the published record ends, there appear to be no gaps in the register, although it is evident that there must have been many births, deaths, and marriages in some years that were never recorded. It seems that comparatively few marriages were omitted, and the Intentions, which occupy pages 117-126 and 160-199, and commence in 1749, will be found especially valuable in cases where the record of the marriage itself cannot be found.

Fortunately the lists of deaths are much less meagre than is often the case in the older towns. In the appendix are the returns made in accordance with Chap. 84, sec. 4, Acts of 1857, by the town clerks of other towns, of marriages solemnized in their respective towns, in which inhabitants of Dedham were concerned. The volume has a model index, is well printed, and the editor has thoroughly and ably performed his duties, upon which the value and success of the work largely depended. The introduction by him gives valuable information as to the records themselves and the old method of computing time. Since 1843 the births, marriages, and deaths recorded at Dedham have been regularly returned to the state authorities, and can be found at the State House. The citizens of Dedham, like those of Braintree and the towns once included in its territory, have set an example which it is to be hoped other dwellers in ancient towns will follow, for it would seem that a reasonable amount of money could not be better expended than in permanently preserving the old and invaluable records that have come down to us, and whose loss would be irreparable.

By George K. Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.

*Catalogue of the Relics and Curiosities in Memorial Hall, Deerfield, Mass., U. S. A. Collected by the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association. Deerfield: Published by the Association. 1886. 8vo. pp. 108.*

The Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association was incorporated by the Massachusetts General Court on the 18th of April, 1870, for the purpose of "collecting and preserving such memorials, books, papers and curiosities as may tend to perpetuate the history of the early settlers of this region and the race which vanished before them." Hon. George Sheldon, the compiler of this catalogue, was, we believe, the originator of the association, and its success is mainly due to him. He was chosen the president at its organization, and he still holds the office.

In looking through this extensive and varied catalogue of relics and curiosities, we realize forcibly how much can be done by historical societies in preserving memorials illustrating the past history of not only the several localities, but of the state and the nation. This collection, we are told, is intended to be "not a scientific exhibition, nor an ordinary museum, but the direct memorial of the inhabitants, both Indian and Puritan, of this valley. No fixed system of carefully graded classification is practicable, nor is it desirable. Many articles may seem trivial in themselves, but as a part of the whole broad scheme of the projectors, the most humble belong here as much as the most valuable. All have been the free donation of the people themselves, and it is a tribute to them as well as to the guardian spirit of the Association."

*Proceedings of the New England Methodist Historical Society at the Seventh Annual Meeting, January 17, 1887.* Boston: Society's Room, 36 Bromfield Street. 1887. 8vo. pp. 46.

The annual address at this meeting, which is here printed in full, was by Prof. Marcus D. Buell, S.T.B., of the Boston University, on "Pastoral Leadership." The subject is an important one to all denominations, and its value and methods are ably presented by Prof. Buell. The reports of Willard S. Allen, the librarian and treasurer, show that there are now in the library 2,678 volumes and 11,393 pamphlets, making a total 13,971; and that there is a balance of about two hundred dollars in the treasury after paying all expenses, and several funds amounting in the aggregate to over eight thousand dollars. We have here also reports of the directors; and of the corresponding secretary, Rev. Ralph W. Allen, D.D.; the historiographer, Rev. Daniel Dorchester, D.D.; and of the committee on papers, Rev. Samuel L. Gracey, D.D., chairman. This pamphlet is an evidence of the prosperity, enterprise and usefulness of the society.

*Our Dumb Animals.* Vol. 19, No. 10. Boston, March, 1887, 4to. pp. 12. Published Monthly. Price 50 cents a year.

*Humane Leaflets.* By GEO. T. ANGELL. 8vo. Eight Leaflets, pp. 4 each.

These are titles of publications of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, incorporated in 1868, of which George T. Angell has been president from its organization to the present time. This society is an extremely useful one. Under the efficient management of President Angell and the aid of other benevolent people, it has done an incalculable amount of good. These publications are designed to forward the interests of the society and inculcate the principle of benevolence to dumb animals.

*The Transcript of the Register of Baptisms of Muthill, Perthshire, from A.D. 1697-1847. Now in the Custody of the Incumbent and Vestry of St. James' Episcopal Church, Muthill.* Edited by the Rev. A. W. CORNELIUS HALLEN, M.A., F.S.A. Scot., M. Harl. Soc., etc. Printed for the Subscribers by Neill & Co., Edinburgh. 1887. Royal 8vo. pp. 304. Only 300 copies printed. Price 10s. 6d. Apply to Rev. A. W. Cornelius Hallen, The Parsonage, Alloa, Scotland.

The editor of this volume, the Rev. Mr. Hallen, is the editor of "First volume of the Registers of St. Butolph, Bishopgate," London, and of the "Northern Notes and Queries," a quarterly antiquarian magazine, both of which works were noticed by us in January.

Mr. Hallen informs us in his preface, that though printed transcripts of English parish registers are not uncommon, he is not aware that a single transcript of a Scottish church register of baptisms has been published before the issue of the present volume. "This is doubtless owing," he adds, "to the fact that most of them have been very irregularly kept. The registers of city parishes are to some extent exceptions, and probably the day is not far off when some of them will be published, for the value of such documents is now recognized by men of culture, who see in them not a barren list of names, but a key by which many a locked secret may be laid open. Apart from their value to the genealogist, they give information as to the presence of various trades in various localities, the social condition of the middle and lower classes in past centuries, the rate of mortality, and the ravages caused by those epidemics—the result of the unsatisfactory social condition of the people—which often assumed such a magnitude as to be styled plagues. The parochial registers of England are still in the custody of the parochial clergy; but

in Scotland such as were kept prior to 1819, are collected in the Register House, Edinburgh, where they may be examined on the payment of certain fees."

The editor's projected series of London Parish Registers—of which one volume has appeared and another has been commenced—was commended to our readers in our last number. The Rev. Mr. Hallen has added to the indebtedness which antiquaries owe him by the issue of the present volume, which should have a deep interest for Scotsmen in America. We trust that he or others will give us other Scottish parish registers. We commend to our readers the preface of this volume, from which we have given a brief extract above. It contains much information about the parish at Muthill, besides some very suggestive remarks, the result of the editor's study of old parish registers.

*Character Portraits of Washington as delineated by Historians, Orators and Divines. Selected and arranged in Chronological Order, with Biographical Notes and References.* By W. S. BAKER, Author of the "Engraved Portraits of Washington," "Medallion Portraits of Washington," &c. &c. Philadelphia: Robert M. Lindsay. 1887. 4to. pp. 351. With index and one illustration.

There are here eighty-one different descriptions of Washington, many of them being so strikingly similar as to be somewhat wearisome to the reader, yet they serve to show the remarkable unanimity of the impressions conveyed to his associates by the "Father of his Country." The officers of the army of the Comte de Rochambeau are generally more enthusiastic in this respect than others, the most noticeable perhaps being the description of Washington by the Marquis de Chastellux.

But the work is not confined to the opinions of the native and foreign contemporaries of Washington. Judgments of many of the later eminent statesmen and writers down to the present time, are given with considerable discrimination. Among the more prominent of these pen portraits are those of Surg. James Thacher, author of the "Military Journal," the Prince de Broglie, Charles James Fox, John Marshall, John Adams, Fisher Ames, Thomas Jefferson, the Comte de Ségur, Chateaubriand (who wrote a parallel between Washington and Buonaparte), Jared Sparks, Lord Brougham, John Quincy Adams, Guizot, Daniel Webster, Robert C. Winthrop, Richard Hildreth, John J. Crittenden, Theodore Parker, George Bancroft, Washington Irving, William M. Thackeray, Edward Everett, George Washington Parke Custis and George William Curtis.

Some opinions are given which are not made the subject of special articles. The most interesting of these are the statements of the Marquis de Lafayette, Lord Cornwallis and Napoleon Buonaparte. The first two may be found in G. W. P. Custis's description, the last in that of Louis Fontanes. Lord Cornwallis is reported to have said at a dinner given at the American headquarters at Yorktown after the surrender: "And when the illustrious part that your Excellency has borne in this long and arduous contest becomes matter of history, fame will gather your brightest laurels rather from the banks of the Delaware than from those of the Chesapeake." Napoleon's opinion is also worth quoting. It was given in an order of the day to the troops on the announcement of Washington's death—"Washington is no more. That great man fought against tyranny. He firmly established the liberty of his country. His memory will be ever dear to the French people, as it must be to every friend of freedom in the two worlds, and especially to the French soldiers, who, like him and the Americans, bravely fight for liberty and equality. The First Consul in consequence orders, that for ten days black crape shall be suspended to all the standards and flags of the Republic."

Not the least interesting portions of this book are the short sketches of the various authors quoted which are appended to each article. The author has displayed considerable industry and research in the compilation of these papers, which, it will be recollected, are obtained from European as well as from American sources. The single illustration forming a frontispiece is a reproduction of the rare allegorical print published at Philadelphia in 1800, with the funeral oration on Washington by Henry Lee. The book is well printed, and plainly but neatly bound in cloth.

By O. B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston.

*History of the Town of Easton, Massachusetts.* By WILLIAM L. CHAFFIN. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son. 1886. 8vo. pp. xviii.+838.

The thriving town of Easton, Bristol County, now containing a population of about four thousand souls, was incorporated in 1725, from a part of Norton, which was itself prior to 1711 included in Taunton, and was known anciently as "Taunton North Purchase."

As was the case in many other instances the distance from the meeting-house led to a petition to the General Court for a separate precinct and parish, and later for the incorporation of a new town, which was called Norton, and fourteen years after the new town was divided.

The author gives a very valuable account of the topography of Easton, and of its early settlement, with brief notices of the settlers, many of whom were from Weymouth, Taunton, Bridgewater and Braintree.

The ecclesiastical and military history is treated with much detail, and the industries of the town, some of which have become famous, receive considerable attention.

In 1803, Oliver Ames, son of John Ames, who as early as 1776 had made shovels at West Bridgewater, established himself in that business at Easton, and laid the foundation of the great shovel works known since 1876 as the Oliver Ames & Sons Corporation.

There are biographical notices of prominent citizens, including Hon. Oakes Ames, Hon. Oliver Ames, Governor of the Commonwealth, and other members of this family, which has for a long period not only furnished employment to many of the citizens of Easton, but has made munificent gifts to the public, and evinced constant interest in the welfare of the town.

In the latter portion of the book are sketches of many professional men identified with the place, and elaborate statistics of population and industry. The work is enriched with numerous fine portraits, views, and illustrations, among which may be mentioned pictures of the oldest house in town, built in 1717, of the Ames Free Library, Unity Church, and the great shovel works. There are excellent portraits of Major Anselm Tupper, a revolutionary officer, of Rev. Luther Sheldon, D.D., and of four prominent members of the Ames family. Very good maps accompany the work, it has a complete index, and is in all respects a town history that will compare favorably with the very best.

The author tells us in his preface that the genealogical history of Easton has been carefully collected, and that he expects it will appear in print as a separate volume before long.

By George K. Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.

*The Bangor Historical Magazine.* No. VIII. Vol. II.—February, 1887. Published by Joseph W. Porter. Bangor, Maine: Benjamin A. Burr, Printer. Terms Two Dollars a year. 8vo. pp. 20. Published Monthly.

This magazine was commenced in July, 1885. One volume has been completed, and eight numbers of a second volume have appeared. Its object "is to gather historical matter relating to Eastern Maine." The editor and publisher, the Hon. Joseph W. Porter, is well known as an indefatigable investigator of local and family history; and in the twenty numbers of his magazine he has collected a vast amount of interesting and valuable material for the history and genealogy of Eastern Maine. We commend the work to the patronage of our readers.

*Christianity the Key to the Character and Career of Washington. A Discourse delivered before the Ladies of Mt. Vernon Association of the Union at Pohick Church, Truro Parish, Fairfax County, Virginia, on the Thirtieth Day of May, 1886.* By PHILIP SLAUGHTER, D.D., Historiographer of the Diocese of Virginia. Washington: Judd & Detweiler, Printers. 1886. 8vo. pp. 32.

The learned author of this discourse has made many contributions to the history of Virginia, particularly its ecclesiastical history, as the readers of the REGISTER are aware. In this work he shows that the character of Washington was moulded by the church in whose bosom he was nurtured, and that we owe to Christianity the sterling qualities which made the "Father of his Country" a trusted leader of his countrymen in their struggle for freedom.

*Talks with Socrates about Life. Translations from the Gorgias and the Republic of Plato.* New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. 1886. 12mo. pp. xvii.+176. Price, bound, \$1; in paper covers, 50 cents.

This little volume, though anonymous, is by an author who has won a most enviable reputation among classical scholars by her previous translations of the Apology, Crito, and Parts of the Phædo of Plato, and also by a work entitled "A Day at Athens with Socrates."

The Gorgias occupies the greater portion of the book, and the author has clothed

the words of Plato concerning human happiness and human life and destiny in the simplest yet best of English. The Republic, which consists of conversations between Socrates and Glaucon; concerning the visible world as contrasted with the higher life, is full of beautiful and philosophical thoughts, and these translations by an author so evidently imbued not only with a strong love of the old classic writers, but also with a rare appreciation of great and grand ideas, will commend themselves, like her former works, to scholars everywhere. This work and its predecessors would also, we think, be useful and valuable additions to the Class-books of the higher institutions of education, especially for young women, and as aids to the promotion of a taste for solid reading, as well as of a correct understanding of the best parts of Plato's philosophy, two objects of great importance. The subjects are ably introduced in the preface, and the explanatory notes in the back of the book are valuable. The printer and the binder have done their part to present the volume to the public in an attractive form.

By George K. Clarke, L.L.B., of Needham, Mass.

*Mémoires de l'Académie des Sciences, Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres de Toulouse.* 1886. Huitième Série—Tome viii. Toulouse: Imprimerie Douladouze—Privat. 8vo. paper, pp. 892.

This exceedingly valuable and interesting number of the yearly volumes of the Toulouse Academy is a gratifying example of the benefits arising from the combination into a single association of diverse scholarly pursuits. Part I. presents papers upon Science, Literature and Mathematics, among which will be found most entertaining the articles on the Recruiting of Armies in the Roman Republic and the Military Reform of the Emperor Augustus; War Songs of the Germans in the 17th and 18th Centuries; Explanation of two songs of Catullus by some curious Roman marriage customs; sketch of the life of Bouffard-Madiahe, a prominent French Huguenot before the revocation of the Edict; and the Compulsory Service in the German Army. Part II. contains an historical introduction to the text of the inedited correspondence (1285-1314) of Philip le Bel, now first printed. Scholars in French history will find these letters important to a clear comprehension of the actions of this vigorous and stirring monarch in the march of events immediately following the final crusade.

By George A. Gordon, A.M., Somerville, Mass.

*Records of an Active Life.* By HEMAN DYER, D.D. New York. Thomas Whittaker, Bible House. 1886. 8vo. pp. 422.

This is an autobiography, or rather a diary, or journal of events in which the venerable author was an actor, and of which he could properly say he was himself a large part. The journal has been revised and apparently transferred to the more attractive narrative form. The style is remarkably clear, direct, vivacious and simple. There is a mysterious charm about the book, not easy to define, but which may be illustrated by saying that whoever takes it up will find it difficult to lay it down till he has reached the end.

Dr. Dyer was a native of Vermont, and passed through all the stages of the school, the Academy, and pedagogy, which he graphically describes, with methods and events which no longer recur, or have been greatly modified and changed in the last sixty years. He then became an undergraduate of Kenyon College in Ohio, then head master of a classical school, afterward a professor in the Western University of Pennsylvania, and subsequently president of the same institution. In the process of years he became connected with the American Sunday School Union, with its headquarters in Philadelphia, and later he was the chief manager of the Evangelical Knowledge Society in the city of New York.

His work in all these institutions is illustrated by a multitude of entertaining, instructive and sometimes ludicrous but appropriate anecdotes. They cannot be reproduced in the brief space that can be spared for this notice, but must be read in the original to be appreciated and enjoyed. In the various and responsible positions occupied by Dr. Dyer he came in contact with a large number of the prominent men in the Episcopal Church, particularly with those in what was then known as its Evangelical wing. His brief notices of these men in the active work of the church, illustrate their character and influence, and have really an important historical value.

The apparent facility with which Dr. Dyer raised large sums of money for great benevolent objects, illustrates the power of that element of human character which

we distinguish as practical common sense. This he had in an eminent degree, and when he called attention to a great public charity in his frank, simple and practical way, it was not easy for a benevolent mind to resist the appeal.

As we have already said, whoever begins to read this volume will hardly lay it aside till the whole is completed, and he will rise from the perusal with some new inspiration, and the belief that a useful and even distinguished career depends pre-eminently upon an honest purpose, guided by plain common sense.

The mechanical execution of the work is excellent, the type large and clear, and the volume is embellished with a fine photographic likeness of Dr. Dyer.

*By the Rev. Edmund F. Slafter, A.M., of Boston.*

*Allegations for Marriage Licences issued by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, 1558 to 1699; also for those issued by the Vicar General of the Archbishop of Canterbury, 1660 to 1679.* Extracted by (the late) Col. JOSEPH LEMUEL CHESTER, LL.D., D.C.L., and Edited by GEO. J. ARMYTAGE, F.S.A., Honorary Secretary to the Harleian Society. London: 1886. Super Royal 8vo. pp. 359.

*Allegations for Marriage Licences issued from the Faculty Office of the Archbishop of London, 1548 to 1689.* Extracted by (the late) Col. JOSEPH LEMUEL CHESTER, LL.D., D.C.L., and Edited by GEO. J. ARMYTAGE, F.S.A.. London: 1886. Super Royal 8vo. pp. 318.

*Allegations for Marriage Licences issued by the Bishop of London, 1520 to 1828.* Extracted by (the late) Col. JOSEPH LEMUEL CHESTER, LL.D., D.C.L., and Edited by GEO. J. ARMYTAGE, F.S.A. London: 1887. Super Royal 8vo. Two Volumes. Vol. I. 1520 to 1610, pp. 400. Vol. II. 1611-1828, pp. 420.

*London Marriage Licences, 1521-1866.* Transcribed by the late Col. CHESTER, D.C.L. Edited by JOSEPH FOSTER. London: Bernard Quaritch, 15 Piccadilly. Part I. December, 1886. Super Royal 8vo. pp. 95.

In a list of MSS. left by Col. Chester, which was printed in the REGISTER, xxxviii. 17-18; No. IV. is described as "Marriage Licences" in five folio volumes of about 400 pages each. These "Marriage Licences" have now been printed by the Harleian Society, of whose Publications they make four volumes of the regular series, namely, Vols. 23, 24, 25 and 26. Nos. 23 and 24 were distributed to members in the year 1886, and Nos. 25 and 26 to members in the present year. The three first titles at the head of this notice, are those of these four volumes. The society has done and is doing a great work for genealogists, and we advise collectors of heraldic and genealogical literature to make immediate application for membership. The fees of membership are half a guinea for admission, and a yearly fee of one guinea. Applications for membership should be made to the honorary secretary, George J. Armytage, F.S.A., Clifton Woodhead, near Brighouse, Yorkshire. Col. Chester justly said of these MSS.: "They throw a flood of light on the genealogies of the dioceses of London, and especially of London. I regard them as one of my greatest genealogical treasures." To Americans they have a special value, as the extracts were made with reference to Col. Chester's genealogical researches into the English ancestry of American families, as well as for use in preparing his great work, the annotated Registers of Westminster Abbey.

The copy of these Marriage Licences which Col. Chester had in his possession when he died, was sold a few weeks after his death by his executor, to the late Mr. Leonard Lawrie Hartley for £500. After Mr. Hartley's death the MSS. were sold in London at auction, June 12, 1885, to Mr. Bernard Quaritch, the London bookseller and publisher, for £315. Negotiations were entered into by the Harleian Society for purchasing these MSS., that they might be printed among the Publications of that society, but the price asked, £361, was more than the society felt justified in giving. It appears, however, that Col. Chester had made a duplicate copy for his friend—afterwards his executor—George E. Cokayne, M.A., F.S.A.. Norroy King of Arms. This copy the Harleian Society were able to purchase for £262 10s., and from it the volumes in their Publications were printed.

On the failure of his negotiations with the Harleian Society, Mr. Quaritch decided to print a limited edition of these "Marriage Licences" in his own way, viz., in strictly alphabetical order, which he considers "the only method of practical working value to the student." In the Harleian Society's volumes, the Licences in each registry are printed separately in chronological order, the volumes being thoroughly indexed. In Mr. Quaritch's there will be one alphabet for all the Licences. There are advantages in both plans. Though we regret that there has been any misunderstanding between the parties, it is evident that the antiquarian pub-

lic will be gainers by it. One part of Mr. Quaritch's publication has been issued, and its title appears at the head of this notice. The work will be completed in the early part of this year, and will make a super royal volume of 900 pages, double columns. It will, we understand, contain a portrait of Col. Chester and a sketch of his life. The price of the work, bound in extra cloth, is £2 12s. 6d. to subscribers, and £3 3s. to non-subscribers. The editor of the work is Mr. Joseph Foster, who is favorably known to the literary world as a genealogist and antiquary. He is the editor of *Collectanea Genealogica*, and author of "The British Peerage and Baronetage," "Our Noble and Gentle Families of Royal Descent," and other meritorious works. We commend the book to the patronage of our readers.

*Collections of the Huguenot Society of America.* Volume I. New York: Published by the Society. 1886. Royal octavo, pp. lxxxviii.+432+xl. 500 copies printed.

The Huguenot Society of America was founded May 29, 1883, and its first volume appears with commendable promptness. The character of the volume is also entitled to our praise from the nature of its contents. It is not a volume of essays, remarks, addresses and ephemeral speeches, but one devoted entirely to original historical material, the sources of our history, the documents themselves. It contains: I. The Registers of the "Eglise Françoise à la Nouvelle York," from 1688 to 1804, edited by Rev. Alfred V. Wittmeyer, Rector of the French "Church du Saint Esprit." II. Historical Documents relating to the French Protestants in New York, 1686-1804. The church records are printed verbatim in the original French of the records, and the subject matter of them is made the text of an interesting and exhaustive historical introduction by the editor, who traces the growth of the French Protestant Church in New York city. This subject is illustrated by views picturing the Second Church, built in 1703; the Third Church, 1834; and the Fourth Church (present structure), 1863. A fac-simile of a page of the records of 1709 also embellishes the article.

The Documentary Records (second article) are in general reprints of documents germane to the subject, which have appeared in the series of New York Colonial Documents, but they lose none of their value by this homogeneous arrangement in chronological sequence.

The volume has an index of names with certain limitations, e. g., a name is indexed always when it occurs for the first and last times, and it may be again if it occurs at any important event, as at birth, death or marriage, or when relationship is mentioned, or when light is thrown upon the orthography. This plan seems cloying. It has no advantages to the mind of the reviewer, and the searcher after all the dates and details of a man would be surely obliged to examine the records page by page to satisfy himself that some important evidence had not been omitted in this plan of indexing. An index in a work of this kind must be complete. The general appearance of the work, as to paper, print and binding, is excellent, and it will satisfy the historical public that the Huguenot Society of America have an important field to develop, and the energy to utilize the materials.

By Charles Edward Banks, M.D., of Chelsea, Mass.

*Biographical Sketch of David Atwood.* By REUBEN G. THWAITES. Madison, Wis.: David Atwood, Printer and Stereotyper. 1887. Sm. 4to. pp. 37.

This well written sketch of the life of Gen. David Atwood, proprietor and editor-in-chief of the *Wisconsin State Journal*, published at Madison, is from the pen of the present corresponding secretary of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. It is reprinted from the *Magazine of Western History* for February last. Gen. Atwood, who is now in his seventy-second year, is a native of Bedford, N. H., and learned the art of printing at Hamilton, N. Y. For most of the time since then, he has edited and published newspapers in the West. The *Wisconsin State Journal* was founded by him Sept. 28, 1852, over a third of a century ago. He has been active in the affairs of his adopted state and city, and has won the respect of his fellow citizens.

*The Use of the Voluntary System in the Maintenance of Ministers in the Colonies of Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay during the Earlier Years of their Existence.* By SAMUEL SWETT GREEN. Worcester, Mass., U.S.A.: Press of Charles Hamilton. 1886. 8vo. pp. 42.

This valuable pamphlet, on an important subject in the history of New England, is "the historical portion of the Report of the Council of the American Antiqua-

rian Society, presented at the semi-annual meeting of the society, held in Boston, April 28, 1886." The work shows much research upon a subject concerning which little is known by the public. Both colonies used the voluntary system in the maintenance of ministers during the earlier years of their existence, though later they were paid by town taxes. "In Boston the plan of maintaining ministers by voluntary payments was never given up, and has been in use during the entire period covered by its history."

*Pitkin Family of America. A Genealogy of the Descendants of William Pitkin, the Progenitor of the Family in this Country, from his Arrival from England in 1659 to 1886. With Additional Historical and Biographical Notes of the Family, etc.; also Additional Notes of the Descendants of Martha Pitkin, who married Simon Wolcott. Illustrated.* By A. P. PITKIN. Hartford, Conn. 1887. Super royal 8vo. pp. xciii.+325. Half mor. gilt. Price \$10.

*The Hollister Family of America; Lieut. John Hollister of Wethersfield, Conn., and his Descendants.* Compiled by LAFAYETTE WALLACE CASE, M.D. Chicago: Fergus Printing Company. 1886. Royal 8vo. pp. 805. Prices: Cloth, uncut edges, \$5; cloth, marbled edges, \$5.50; half morocco, \$7; full morocco, \$8.50. When sent by mail 35 cents will be added for postage. To be obtained of the author, No. 384 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Ill.

*A History of the Bethune Family, together with a Sketch of the Faneuil Family.* By Mrs. JOHN A. WEISSE. New York: Trow's Printing and Bookbinding Co. 1884. Royal 4to. pp. 54+39.

*Genealogies of the Raymond Families of New England, 1630-1 to 1886. With a Historical Sketch of Some of the Raymonds of Early Times, their Origin, etc.* Compiled by SAMUEL RAYMOND. New York: Press of J. J. Little & Co. 1886. 8vo. pp. 298.

*The English Founders of the Terry Family.* Edited by HENRY K. TERRY. For Private Circulation. H. K. Terry & Co., Publishers, 55 Holburn Viaduct. London, E. C., England. Post 8vo. pp. 44.

*Notes on Terry Families in the United States of America.* By STEPHEN TERRY, A.M., Member of the Connecticut Historical Society. Hartford, Conn.: Published by the Compiler. 1887. 8vo. pp. viii.+341. Price \$3, post-paid. Address, S. Terry, P. O. Box 1003, Hartford, Conn.

*Genealogy of the Family of George Marsh, who came from England in 1635 and settled in Hingham, Mass.* By E. J. MARSH. Leominster: Press of F. N. Boutwell. 1887. 8vo. pp. 197+xxxii.

*The Family of John Perkins of Ipswich, Mass. Part II. Descendants of Deacon Thomas Perkins.* By GEO. A. PERKINS, M.D. Salem: Printed for the Author. 1887. 8vo. pp. v.+152.

*The Hakes Family.* By HARRY HAKES, of Wilkes-Barré. 1886. 8vo. pp. 87.

*Ancestry of William Shipley Haines, with some Account of the Descendants of John and Joseph Haines and Colonel Couperthwaite.* Compiled by WILLIAM FRANCIS CREGAR. Philadelphia: Patterson & White, PRS. 1887. Super R. 8vo. pp. 85.

*A Short Account of the First Permanent Tramway in America. To which is added a Biographical Sketch of its Projector, Thomas Leiper, Esq.* By ROBERT PATTERSON ROBINS, A.M., M.D. Philadelphia. 1886. 8vo. pp. 13.

*The Ancestry of Daniel Bonticou of Springfield, Mass.* Compiled by JOHN E. MORRIS. Hartford, Conn.: Press of the Case, Lockwood & Bruinard Company. 1887. 8vo. pp. 29.

*Descendants of Samuel Woodward of Bristol, Maine.* Compiled by FRANK E. WOODWARD. S. M. Watson, Publisher, Public Library, Portland, Maine. 1887. Sm. 4to. pp. 14.

*The Descendants of Robert Ware of Dedham, Massachusetts.* Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son. 1887. 8vo. pp. 39.

We continue our quarterly notices of recent genealogical publications.

The Pitkin Genealogy, whose title heads our list, comes to us in a handsome volume on superior paper, in large clear type, and elegantly bound. It has fifty illustrations. Mr. William Pitkin, the immigrant ancestor of this family, came to New England from London, England, in 1659 and settled at Hartford, Ct. Many of his descendants have held high places in the state and nation. The best known are



William Pitkin, born April 30, 1694, who was governor of Connecticut in 1786, and held the office till his death in 1769, and the Hon. Timothy Pitkin, LL.D., born Jan. 20, 1766, author of a "Political and Civil History of the United States." Gov. Pitkin, at his first election, was chosen by a majority "so great that the votes were not counted." Full biographical sketches of the more prominent individuals are given, many of them being illustrated with excellent portraits. Much historical matter will be found in this volume. One of the earlier chapters is upon the political affairs of Connecticut, and several are devoted to the history of Hartford, the ancestral home of the American Pitkins; its civil organization, its schools, its military organizations and its manufactures. They are illustrated by maps, views and fac-similes of ancient documents. This volume, like the elegant work on the Wolcott family, noticed by us in April, 1892, and some other books, show how much can be done by reproducing family relics to illustrate the manners and customs of bygone days.

The Hollister Family, the next book on our list, is a bulky volume of over eight hundred pages, handsomely printed in large type, with wide margins. The work is well arranged for reference forward and backward, so that the ancestry and descendants of an individual can be easily traced, as is the case in the plan used in the *Ræistræa*, and some other plans. The author's mother was Eleanor Drake Hollister of the 7th generation, and Dr. Case has been very successful in collecting memorials of the Hollisters, her ancestors and kindred. He gives full biographical details of the prominent individuals here recorded, besides their genealogical record. Dr. Case commenced his researches in family history about seven years ago. He began, he tells us in his preface, by "making inquiries among his immediate relatives. Encouraged by his success and greatly interested in the early history of the Hollister family, he resolved to embrace in his researches all the branches of the family in America. A correspondence with the members of the family was begun and perseveringly kept up until it reached nearly every part of the United States and even beyond, and requiring several thousand letters. Two visits to New England were made for the purpose of consulting the ancient town, church and probate records." The result of this labor appears in the excellent volume before us. Dr. Case acknowledges indebtedness to Mr. William H. Upton, of Walla Walla, W. T., and several other individuals.

The book on the Bethune and Faneuil Families is a second edition of the work noticed by us in July, 1884, to which notice we would refer our readers. The book as originally published consisted of an account of the Bethunes, translated from the French of André du Chesne, to which additions were made from family records and other available sources; and a shorter account of the Faneuils. To the present edition has been added "The Refugees: a Story of New England Two Centuries Ago," in three chapters, being incidents relating to the Hunt family of Weymouth. The author, Mrs. Weisse, is the wife of John A. Weisse, M.D., of New York city, author of "Origin, Progress and Destiny of the English Language and Literature," published in 1878.

The Raymond book is by Mr. Samuel Raymond, of Brooklyn, N. Y., formerly a merchant of Boston, and afterwards a resident of Andover. He has collected and arranged in this volume the genealogical record of over a thousand families. The first part of the book gives the descendants of Richard Raymond, an early settler of Salem, Mass., who was made a freeman of Massachusetts May 14, 1634. Of this family was the Hon. Henry J. Raymond of New York city, the founder of the *New York Times*, a member of Congress and Lieutenant Governor of New York state. Another portion of the volume is devoted to the descendants of John Raymond and his brother William, who settled at Beverly, Mass., in the middle of the seventeenth century. To this family the author belongs, as does also Mr. Freeborn F. Raymond, 2d, a respected member of the legal profession in Boston. "The Raymonds in History" concludes the work. It is embellished by several portraits and is well printed. It has good indexes.

The two books on the Terry family are valuable additions to our genealogical literature. The author of the first, Mr. Henry Kingsbury Terry, a descendant of Samuel Terry, who settled in Springfield, Mass., and a native of Plymouth, Conn., but now residing in London, Eng., made researches to trace his English ancestry. He was unable to do this, but he succeeded in discovering the parentage of two early New England immigrants of the name, Stephen Terry who settled at Dorchester, Mass., and John Terry who settled at Windsor, Conn. The result of his researches is the collection of many records and facts of interest to those bearing the name, and these are given in the volume before us.

The book on the Terry families of the United States is principally devoted to the posterity of Samuel Terry of Springfield, but also gives descendants of Stephen of Windsor, Thomas of Freetown, and others of the name. The author, Mr. Stephen Terry, is an uncle of the author of the last book. He is a graduate of Hamilton College, and is in the practice of the law at Hartford, Ct. The gathering of materials for this work, the preface informs us, has occupied a portion of his leisure hours, at irregular intervals, for a score or more of years. His investigations seem to have been successfully carried out, and the result carefully arranged. The book is handsomely printed, and is well indexed.

The book on the Marsh family is devoted to the descendants of George Marsh, an early settler of Hingham, Mass., who was admitted as a freeman of Massachusetts, March 3, 1635-6, and died July 2, 1647, leaving a wife and four children. The author, Mr. E. J. Marsh of Leominster, has performed a good service in preserving the records of this family, and presenting them to his kindred in so handsome a dress. The book has a full index.

The Perkins book is Part II. of the Descendants of John Perkins of Ipswich, Mass. The author, George A. Perkins, M.D., of Salem, published the first part over two years ago, and it was noticed by us in October, 1884. That volume gave the posterity of Quartermaster John Perkins of Ipswich, the oldest son of John Perkins, senior. This book is devoted to the descendants of the second son, Dea. Thomas Perkins of Topsfield. It is the author's intention to publish another volume, giving the posterity of the youngest son, Jacob Perkins. Like its predecessor, this volume shows thorough research, and is well printed and fully indexed.

The next work is a genealogical record of the descendants of Solomon Hakes, who was a resident of Westerly, R. I., in April, 1709, and who married Anna Billings, of Stonington, Ct., January 16, 1718. The first persons bearing this surname in this country which the author, Dr. Harry Hakes, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., finds, are Thomas Hakes, who died at James City, Va., between April, 1623, and Feb. 16, 1623-4; and John Hakes, who settled at Windsor, Ct., in 1640. Though the latter is known to have left posterity, the author's investigations convince him that Solomon was not descended from John of Windsor. The descendants of Solomon are scattered in various parts of the Union. The author is a native of Harpersfield, N. Y. His book is a credit to him.

William Shipley Haines, of Philadelphia, whose ancestry is given in the next work, is a descendant in the 8th generation from Richard Haines, a native of Northamptonshire, England, who embarked for this country 1682., but died on the passage. His widow with her family settled in West Jersey. Mr. Haines, of Philadelphia, is also descended from the families of Hollingshead, Stratton, Hancock, Engle, Borton, Cowperthwait and Yard, and a genealogical record of his ancestors in all these lines is here given. The work is handsomely printed. It does credit to the compiler, Mr. Cregar.

The pamphlet by Dr. Robins, besides giving an account of the "First Permanent Tramway in America," contains also a sketch of the life of its projector, Thomas Leiper, who was born in Scotland in 1745, and died in 1825, at Philadelphia; with a genealogical record of his descendants. The tramway constructed by Mr. Leiper was finished early in 1810. It was in Delaware County, Pa., and ran from Mr. Leiper's "stone quarries on Crum Creek to his landing on Ridley Creek," and was used till 1828. Its site, though it is in ruins, can still be seen.

Daniel Bontecou, to whose ancestry the next pamphlet is devoted, was a merchant of Springfield, Mass., who was born at New Haven, Ct., April 20, 1779, and died at Springfield Nov. 24, 1857. This is claimed to be "A Record of Forty Generations extending through Thirteen Centuries." Mr. Morris, the compiler, states that he is "absolutely certain that no links are missing," as he has been very careful in his investigations.

Samuel Woodward, of Bristol, Me., whose descendants are given in the next pamphlet, was the fifth generation from Walter Woodward, an early settler of Scituate, Mass. The pamphlet is reprinted from the *Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder*. It is creditable to the compiler.

The Ware genealogy originally appeared in the last number of the REGISTER. It is reprinted, in the pamphlet before us, with a preface, a tabular key and other additions. This family—in which more than usual interest is felt as one which has furnished some distinguished divines and authors—has been traced with great care and thoroughness in the book before us. The work, which is by Miss Emma F. Ware, of Milton, is a valuable addition to the genealogical literature of our country.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, TO MCH. 24, 1887.

*I. Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.*

The Life and Services of the Honorable Maj. Gen. Samuel Elbert, of Georgia, by Charles C. Jones, Jr., LL.D., and Address delivered before the Georgia Historical Society at Savannah on the 6th of December, 1886. Printed for the Society. The Riverside Press, Cambridge. 1887. 8vo. pp. 48.

The Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths and Intentions of Marriage in the Town of Dedham. Vols. I. and II. With an Appendix containing Records of Marriages before 1800, returned from other Towns under the statute of 1857. 1635 to 1845. Edited by Don Gleason Hill, Town Clerk. Dedham, Mass. 1886. 8vo. pp. 286.

History of the Town of Easton, Massachusetts. By William L. Chaffin. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1886. 8vo. pp. 838.

The Census of Massachusetts, 1885, prepared under the direction of Carroll D. Wright. Vol. I. Population and Social Statistics. Part I. Boston: Wright & Potter Printing Company, State Printers, 18 Post Office Sq. 1887. 8vo. pp. 684.

Christianity the Key to the Character and Career of Washington. By Philip Slaughter, D.D. Washington: Judd & Detweiler, Printers. 1886. 8vo. pp. 32.

The Western Boundary of Massachusetts: A Study of Indian and Colonial History. By Franklin Leonard Pope. Pittsfield, Mass.: Privately Printed. 1886. 8vo. pp. 62.

*II. Other Publications.*

In Memoriam. Rev. Dr. Isidor Kalisch, of Newark, N. Jersey. 1886. 8vo. pp. 65.

Before the Board of Visitors of Andover Theological Seminary. Arguments on behalf of the Complainants in the matter of the Complaint against Egbert C. Smyth. Heard Dec. 28, 29, 30, 31, 1886. Boston: Rand Avery Company, Franklin Press. 1887. 8vo. pp. 189.

The Andover Defence. Defence of Prof. Smyth; Arguments of Professor Theodore W. Dwight, Professor Simeon E. Baldwin, Hon. Charles Theodore Russell and Ex-Gov. Gaston; Evidence introduced by the Respondent Dec. 28, 29, 30, 1886; together with the Statements of Professors Tucker, Harris, Hincks and Churchill Jan. 3, 1887. Boston: Cupples, Upham and Company. 1887. 8vo. pp. 315. Price \$1.25.

Report of the Committee in charge of the Friends' Free Library and Reading Room, Germantown. Philadelphia. 1887. 8vo. p. 23.

Eighty-first Anniversary Celebration of the New England Society in the City of New York, at Delmonico's, Dec. 23, 1886. 8vo. pp. 93.

The Mode of Altering the Constitution of Rhode Island, and a Reply to Papers by Honorable Charles S. Bradley and Honorable Abraham Payne. By W. P. Sheffield. Newport, R. I.: Davis & Pitman, Printers. 1887. 8vo. pp. 44.

Elder-Moderatorship. A Discussion of the Elder-Moderator Overtures by E. R. Monfort, LL.D. and W. C. Gray, Ph.D. Published at the Office of the "Herald and Presbyterian," 178 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. 1887. 8vo. pp. 48.

Transactions of the Oneida Historical Society, at Utica, 1885-1886. Utica, N.Y.: Printed for the Society. Ellis H. Roberts & Co., Printers. 1886. 8vo. pp. 147.

Connecticut State Register and Manual, 1887. Compiled by the Secretary of State. Press of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co., Hartford, Conn. 8vo. pp. 308.

Note on the Spurious Letters of Montcalm, 1759. By Justin Winsor. From the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, January, 1887. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1887. 8vo. pp. 6.

Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Special Communications August 26, October 13, 1886. Quarterly Communications September 8, 1886. . . . Boston: Press of Rockwell & Churchill, 39 Arch Street. 1886. 8vo. pp. 71-117.

Vol. IV. New Series, Part III. Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society at the Annual Meeting held in Worcester October 21, 1886. Worcester: Press of Charles Hamilton, 311 Main Street. 1887. 8vo. pp. 167-254.

Pioneer Collections. Report of the Pioneer and Historical Society of the State of Michigan, together with Reports of County, Town and District Pioneer Societies.

Vol. IX. Lansing: Thorp & Godfrey, State Printers and Binders. 1886. 8vo. pp. 695.

The Sources of the Mississippi, their Discoverers real or pretended. A Report by the Hon. James H. Baker, read before the Minnesota Historical Society, February 8, 1887. Minnesota Historical Society Collections, Vol. VI., Part I. St. Paul, Minn.: Brown, Tracy & Co., Printers. 1887. 8vo. pp. 28.

The Trial of the Rhode Island Judges, an Episode touching Currency and Constitutional Law. A Dissertation by John Winslow, read before the Brooklyn Republican League and the Rhode Island Historical Society. Brooklyn: George Tremlett, Printer, 308 Fulton Street. 1887. 8vo. pp. 24.

Proceedings at the Seventh Annual Meeting and Seventh Annual Dinner of the New England Society in the City of Brooklyn. Officers, Directors, Council, Members, Standing Committees and By-Laws of the Society. Brooklyn. 1887. 8vo. pp. 74.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think may be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. Government, the holding of other offices, graduation from colleges or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of birth, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one Christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

**Brown.** By Mrs. A. J. Bulkley, 167 South Elliott Place, New York city.—This book will be devoted to the descendants of Chad Brown, an early settler in Providence, and an elder of the first Baptist Church there. It will be based on a pamphlet on the Brown family, printed in 1851 by Hugh H. Brown, of Providence, and compiled, we think, by Henry Truman Beckwith. Mrs. Bulkley has been engaged for nearly three years in compiling this work.

**Dutton.** By W. Tracy Eustis.—Mr. Eustis is compiling a genealogy of the Dutton family, and would like any facts illustrating it.

**Kingsbury.**—Hon. Frederick J. Kingsbury, of Waterbury, Conn., has been for several years collecting material for a genealogy of the descendants of Henry Kingsbury, of Haverhill, Mass. He has now placed this material in the hands of Miss Mary Kingsbury Talcott, of Hartford, for completion and arrangement. Persons having material to contribute, or are otherwise interested, are requested to communicate with Miss Talcott, 203 Sigourney Street, Hartford, Conn.

**Northrup.** By the Hon. A. Judd Northrup, Syracuse, N. Y.—Judge Northrup has been engaged for some time in collecting facts in regard to those bearing the surname of Northrup, Northrop, Northrope, and other variations of the name, with the intention of printing a genealogy of the family. He solicits genealogical facts, and in return will furnish information which he possesses as to the history of the inquirer. Circulars stating the information desired sent on application.

**Porter.** By Henry Porter Andrews, of Saratoga Springs, N. Y.—This work, which was announced by us in July, 1881 (*ante*, xxxv. 282), is in the press. A preliminary volume was issued in handsome royal 8vo. in 1882 (*ante*, xxxvi. 346). The book now in press will be a very extensive work, and will be issued in the same elegant style as the preliminary volume.

**Price.**—R. A. Brock, Esq., of Richmond, writes to the editor of the REGISTER:

For a wealthy member of the family, who designs to publish it in book form, I have for several years been gathering data for a Price genealogy, and have quite a mass of materials relating to Virginia.

The family is scattered through several states, and by tradition is of Welsh extraction.

The late Mrs. Henry Wood, the novelist, was a representative of the Massachusetts branch.

I solicit correspondence with all interested in the proposed publication.

Richmond, Va.

R. A. BROCK.

**Steere.** By the Rev. J. P. Root, of Providence, R. I.—Rev. Mr. Root is preparing a Genealogical Register of the descendants of John Steere, of Providence, who was born 1634 and died 1724. Parties possessing records of this family, or other information, will confer a favor by communicating with the compiler.

## TOWN HISTORIES IN PREPARATION.—

**Framingham, Mass.**—By the Rev. J. H. Temple, author of "History of Whately," "History of Northfield," etc. The author has been engaged on this work for over ten years. It is now in press and will be issued early in May. It is largely composed of original records and documents, and comprises annals of the Indian occupation, the coming of the English settlers, with detailed accounts of the organization and progress of the town. The Genealogical Register comprises over five thousand families. The book will be published by the town, in one 8vo. volume of about 800 pages, substantially bound in cloth. Price bound, \$5, or to subscribers in advance, \$4. It will be furnished unbound at \$3.50. Subscriptions received by J. H. Temple and E. F. Kendall, Framingham Centre; L. F. Fuller, Saxonville; Dr. George Rice, South Framingham; J. S. Williams, Nobscot.

**Woodbury, Conn.** By William Cothren, of Woodbury, Conn.—Mr. Cothren published in 1854 the first volume of his History of Ancient Woodbury. The volume has been long out of print, and he proposes, if 350 copies are subscribed for at \$4 a volume, to reprint it.

**FAMILY MEMORIALS.**—Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Salisbury, of New Haven, Conn., are printing "privately" a series of genealogical and biographical monographs on the families of McCURDY, LORD, PARMELEE-MITCHELL, DIGBY-LYNDE, WILLOUGHBY, GRISWOLD, PITKIN-WOLCOTT, OGDEN-JOHNSON and DIODATI, including notices of the MARVINS, LEES, DEWOLFS and other families. It is not a mere collection of names and dates, but a book of *family history* as well as a genealogical record, full of new facts obtained in this country and abroad; a work of great and ever-increasing interest to present and future generations of these families and their allies; and also valuable to genealogists and other antiquaries or students of history generally. The monographs will fill from 500 to 600 pages, in two parts, 4to.; and will be accompanied by twenty full chart-pedigrees, on bond-paper, with authenticated coats of arms and carefully prepared indexes of family names.

Subscriptions are invited for copies *at cost*. The edition will consist of 300 copies: the cost of 250 of these, bound in bevelled boards, cloth, gilt tops, with the pedigrees separately bound, will be \$18 each; that of 50 copies on larger paper, bound with the pedigrees, uncut, will be \$20 each. In this estimate no account is made of great expenses incurred by the authors in the collection of materials for the work, during many years, in this country and in Europe; nor of the labor of composition and preparation for the press.

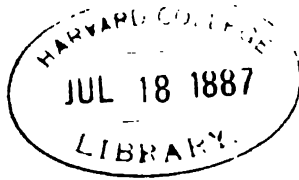
A few copies of the chart-pedigrees, separately bound, without the text, are offered at \$8 for the set—the expense of these being large in proportion to that of the rest of the work.

Application for copies may be made to the authors as above, or to the editor of the N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register.

The editor of the REGISTER takes pleasure in calling the attention of its readers to the above announcement. The work will be a companion volume to the superb work which Prof. Salisbury compiled and had printed in 1885, a notice of which appeared in this periodical in 1886. Most of the families of the present volume, as of those of the former one, are among the most distinguished in New England. The long experience of Prof. and Mrs. Salisbury in antiquarian research, and their rare facilities for obtaining information, are an assurance that this work will be of the very highest value.

**AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL QUERIES FOR 1887.**—R. H. Tilley, Newport, R. I., is preparing for publication his "Genealogical Queries for 1887," intended for mutual aid to those interested in genealogy. His purpose is to have it ready and distributed by June 1st, sending a copy to every public and state library, every historical society, and every person in the United States and Canada known to be interested in genealogy. Copies will also be sent to England. A large circulation will thus be insured among the very persons with whom the querist would wish to correspond. The cost of inserting a query, limited to ten lines, will be \$2. Mr. Tilley has the addresses of nearly one thousand persons at work on family history, and wishes to obtain the names of all so engaged, that a copy of his "Queries" may be sent to them. Queries should be sent in without delay, as the first form will be printed early in April.

**ERRATA.**—Page 75, l. 45, *for* Cornwallis's read Cromwell's. Page 91, l. 44, *for* Yorkshire read Northamptonshire.



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## BOOK NOTICES.

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*The History of Detroit and Michigan, or the Metropolis Illustrated. A Chronological Cyclopædia of the Past and Present, including a full record of the Territorial days in Michigan and the Annals of Wayne County.* By SILAS FARMER, City Historiographer, "native here and to the manor born." Detroit: Silas Farmer & Co., corner of Monroe Avenue and Farmer Street. 1884. pp. 46, 1024. Price \$10.

Gen. Lewis Cass, in an address before the Michigan State Historical Society, said of Detroit, as is quoted in Preface of present work: "No place in the United States presents such a series of events interesting in themselves and permanently affecting, as they occurred, its progress and prosperity. Five times its flag has changed, three different sovereignties have claimed its allegiance, and since it has been held by the United States the government has been thrice transferred; twice it has been besieged by the Indians, once captured in war, and once burnt to the ground." This terse and panoramic view of the city epitomizes its history. It could scarcely be done in fewer words, and the part of Mr. Farmer in this full and detailed work, is to bring to closer view a history of a city having so many overturns, knowing of so many disasters, yet rising from them with a freshness and activity that puts to shame the annals of sister cities which have not had so numerous hindrances in their way. Cardillac, its founder, writing to the French officials in 1701, says: "If the situation is agreeable, it is none the less important because it opens and closes the door of passage to the most distant nations which are situated upon the borders of the vast seas of sweet water. None but the enemies of truth could be enemies to this establishment, so necessary to the increase of the glory of the King, to the progress of religion and the destruction of the throne of Baal." The situation of

Detroit is strategic. In the early times of border wars, and during all the troubles between the English and the French and Indians allied, the position of this military post and settlement was such as commanded the "bodies of sweet water," and in its more recent years the same has been of vast avail in its commercial interests. Detroit is situated upon Detroit river between Lakes St. Clair and Erie, which at the city is only a little more than half a mile wide. Through this river may pass and repass vessels of the largest class. Its average depth is thirty-four feet. Nature and situation greatly favoring, we see how the good sense of its inhabitants, from Cardillac to the present time, in spite of every adversity, have believed in its destiny.

Not a little of the rapid growth of Detroit and of Michigan in the second quarter of the present century, is due to the fresh enterprise and zeal of the citizens of Detroit. The government of Detroit had been variously tossed about, but in 1796 it passed into the control of the American government. Excellent additions to its families had been attached, and with the new life began to show a thrift it had not previously displayed. Even the strange municipal changes in its corporate government were not able to check its growth. The people of the older parts of the country were reaching after new fields for conquest; and the keen business men already there, and those who came among them, at once saw the possibilities of the rich and arable lands, and offered inducements which brought thousands upon thousands to its borders. Mr. Farmer says about this time (1805) emigration from the Eastern states began, but the "Bostonians," as they were called, were not at first made welcome by either the French or the English. The first American settlers were Solomon Sibley, John Whipple, Dr. William Brown, William Russell, Christian Clemens, James Chittenden, Benjamin Chittenden, Dr. McCoskry, James Henry, Elijah Brush, Henry B. Brevoort, Col. Henry J. Hunt, Augustus Langdon and Major Whistler. With new elements in the old timed social life, though it was for the breaking up of former habits and customs, nevertheless made a new Detroit. The maps and gazetteers issued by John Farmer from 1825 onward, gave information regarding the lands of Michigan, and were instrumental in attracting the people of the older regions of our states. The first census under the territorial government in 1805, shows 525 heads of families, and from that time onward there has been a gradual and at times a rapid growth of this city. The present estimate of inhabitants of Detroit is about 150,000. The year 1830 more maps and gazetteers were sold by the aforementioned publishing house than in any one year before or since. Their influence was great upon a people seeking new adventures; and in 1836 the author says it seemed as if all New England was coming. A song, the first stanza of which we quote, was widely sung:

"Come all ye Yankee farmers who wish to change your lot,  
Who've spunk enough to travel beyond your native spot,  
And leave behind the village where Pa and Ma do stay,  
Come follow me and settle in Michigania.  
Yea, yea, yea, in Michigania."

This history of Detroit is orderly arranged, and is a model as a city history. It is treated by subjects, and these subjects are treated chronologically; and are divided into eleven chief parts, viz.: Locality, Hygienic, Governmental, Judicial, Military, Social, Architectural, Religious, Literary, Commercial, Communication, and to which is added the Supplemental. This history contains 648 engravings of maps, ancient and new-made homesteads, public buildings, the various charitable institutions, commercial and industrial enterprises, and several views of the city, both ancient and modern. The illustrative art is brought into fine play, and gives much interest to the reader. To treat the history of a recently founded and rapidly developing city has been one of the questions in the minds of desiring local historians; and we are not sure but the author of this work has come as near the "perfect way" as is possible. He certainly has outstripped many a rival. One thing in Mr. Farmer's, and so in the city's, favor, is the fact that from 1812 the city has elected its historiographer, whose special task it is to collect data and information regarding every interest of the city. This office may be largely honorary, but it is of vast importance in the end. Hence this work is full of points and detail. The relation which Detroit held to the great Northwest of a half-century ago, makes this book of large interest to all who are studying the formation of our western cities and states, and the growth of those laws peculiar to their respective localities. It contains very much hitherto unpublished matter. The biography of Cardillac,

the founder of the city, is no where so fully stated, since a large part of its information is nowhere else published; and the stories of the conspiracy of Pontiac, the various intrigues of French and Indian against the American Provinces, and the part that section had in the war of 1812-15, are told in graphic and pointed paragraphs. And not only these, but the work chronicles concerning the banks and the early currency, the legislative and judicial troubles of the city, territory and state, and it relates not alone of the misunderstandings, but relates the essential agreements which have made the city strong and influential. It is not the least wonder that the book receives commendation from leading newspapers, since no editorial room of a Michigan periodical is complete without it; of bankers, since it treats broadly and generously of matters of vital interest to them; and of lawyers and judges, since in small compass the chief enactments are stated, and grouping the vital interests of the city together, the work becomes marvellous in the eyes of historians. This book is a history and not a historical study, though many of its chapters will come as near the last named as works boasting it. Its table of contents is full, and its index of individuals makes it of ready service to genealogists and all. It contains no biographies or portraits of its public-spirited citizens. This work of Mr. Farmer is unique and condensed. It is full of particulars and yet not redundant in statement. It is orderly and well arranged. It is complete to the date of its publication, and any subsequent edition can easily be brought down, without marring or jarring its harmony. This is a great consideration in the history of a rapidly moving and upbuilding city. Silas Farmer, the author, is a life-long resident. He has seen the city grow up around him. He has done himself credit, and Detroit has many reasons to rejoice that the worthies of the present and earlier days are remembered, and that the future toilers of the busy city will know of the desperate strivings of its pioneers on the soil, in trade and in social life.

*By the Rev. Anson Titus, of Amesbury, Mass.*

*History of Ashburnham, Massachusetts, from the Grant of Dorchester Canada to the present Time, 1734-1886. With a Genealogical Register of Ashburnham Families.* By EZRA S. STEARNS, Author of the History of Rindge, N. H. Ashburnham, Mass.: Published by the Town. 1887. 8vo. pp. 1022. Price, muslin, \$4; leather, \$5. Sold by William P. Ellis, Ashburnham, Mass., agent for the Town.

The town of Ashburnham has done itself credit by causing to be published its century and a half of history. It is written by the Hon. Ezra S. Stearns, whose well known work, the history of Rindge, N. H., gave him reputation as a writer of history. The town in 1880 chose four citizens who took the matter in charge, employing Mr. Stearns to do the work of gathering information and preparing the same for publication. The table of contents, well arranged, duly proportioned and methodical, shows care, research, and the peculiar character which a historian should possess. Ashburnham was known as Dorchester Canada, that grant given by the Province in 1734 to soldiers and their heirs of the Dorchester company, Captain John Withington, in recognition of their services in 1690. It was incorporated in 1765, and was given the present name in honor of the Earl of Ashburnham. Thomas Tileston, a prime mover in this grant, died in 1745. Its first pastor was the Rev. Jonathan Winchester, H. C. 1737, who died much lamented in 1767. He was succeeded by Rev. John Cushing, H. C. 1764, who filled the pastoral office for above fifty-five years. The story of its people, of the trying yet patriotic times of the Revolution, of their interest in their churches, schools, especially of its Cushing Academy, manufactures, agriculture, their prompt and efficient loyalty in the civil war, in fact, through the varied interests which make up the life of the New Englander, is carefully and amply portrayed. The book comprises above a thousand pages, half of which are rightfully given up to the history of the families of the town. Ashburnham never has had many more than twenty-two hundred inhabitants, a typical New England country town, hence out from its strong families have gone sons and daughters, strong and earnest for the work of life, in other parts. The names most numerous are Adams, Barrett, Corry, Cushing, Davis, Foster, Harris, Hunt, Lane, Lawrence, Marble, Merriam, Rice, Stearns, Stone, Whitney, Wilder and Willard. The book contains fifteen steel portraits and fourteen other engravings. It has an excellent individual index of the first part, while the genealogies are arranged alphabetically, but whose intermarriages are not indexed. It does not contain any map. Withal it is an excellent history of a country town, and worthy to be commended.

*By the Rev. Anson Titus, Amesbury, Mass.*



*The Ordinance of July 13, 1787, for the Government of the Territory North West of the River Ohio. A Paper read before the Ohio Historical and Archæological Society, February 23d, 1887.* By WILLIAM P. CUTLER. With Appendices containing valuable Historical Facts. Marietta, Ohio: E. R. Alderman & Sons, Printers, 1887. 8vo. pp. 48.

A century since the famous Ordinance of 1787 was passed is completed this month. It is well in this its centennial year, that notice of this important event was taken by the Ohio Historical and Archæological Society.

The paper read before this society last winter, and printed in the pamphlet before us, is by a descendant of the Rev. Manasseh Cutler who, it is now generally admitted, was the author of the clause in this Ordinance prohibiting slavery. The writer gives a history of the territory northwest of the Ohio, and also of the Ordinance of 1787 and the settlement of the Ohio. His appendix contains an account of the origin of the Ohio Company, with the petition, June 16, 1783, of "two hundred and eighty-eight officers of the Continental Line of the Army" for a grant of lands in the northwest, and the names of 282 of the signers; also other interesting historical matter relative to the Ohio Company, the Society of the Cincinnati, and the Marietta pioneers.

*Miscellaneous Papers. 1672-1865. Now first printed from the Manuscript in the Collections of the Virginia Historical Society, comprising Charter of the Royal African Company, 1672; Report of the Huguenot Settlements, 1700; Papers of George Gilmer, of "Pen Park," 1775-1778; Orderly Book of Capt. George Stubblefield, 1776; Career of the Iron-Clad Virginia, 1862; Memorial of Johnson's Island, 1862-4; Beale's Cav. Brigade Parole, 1865.* Edited by R. A. Brock. Richmond, 1887. Published by the Society. 8vo. pp. 374.

This is the sixth volume of the New Series of the Collections of the Virginia Historical Society. It is an important number in this valuable series, and its editor, Mr. Brock, is widely known as an authority on matters of Virginia history. In the prefatory note by the editor, we have a concise history of slavery in Virginia from its introduction by the Dutch in 1619, and this preface, consisting of 36 pages, is of itself sufficient to make the number an interesting one. This is followed by the Fourth Charter of the Royal African Company of England in full, together with documents pertaining to the charter.

On page 63 is the communication of Governor Francis Nicholson of Virginia to the British Lords of Trade, concerning the Huguenot settlement, with "List of *y<sup>e</sup>* Refugees," August 12th, 1700. The list includes 207 persons, and doubtless many of the best citizens of Virginia and other states are descended from them. The military and political papers of George Gilmer, M.D., of "Pen Park," Albemarle County, cover the period from 1775-78, and occupy about 70 pages, together with a prefatory note. Gilmer was an active patriot in the Revolution, and these papers, like the next document, the Orderly Book of the company of Capt. George Stubblefield, Fifth Virginia Regiment, from March 3, 1776, to July 10, 1776, form a valuable contribution to national history.

Dr. Dinwiddie Brazier Phillips, late surgeon Confederate States Navy, gives us an excellent account of the career of the noted iron-clad Virginia, or Merrimac, as it is usually called, and the number is continued with a memorial of the Federal Prison on Johnson's Island, Lake Erie, Ohio, 1862-1864, containing a List of Prisoners of War, from the Confederate States Army, and of the deaths among them, with "Prison Lays" by distinguished officers. There is a view of the prisoners' barracks, and it is hardly necessary to say that this article, which limited space prevents our doing full justice to, is of much historical consequence. The book is finely printed and has an excellent index.

*By George K. Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.*

*Some Account of the Parish of Stutton, near Ipswich, in the County of Suffolk.* Compiled by FREDERICK ARTHUR CRISP. London: Printed at the compiler's private press. 1881. Folio, pp. 68. Fifty copies printed.

*The Parish Registers of St. Leonard's, Colchester. 1670-1671.* Printed at the private press of Frederick Arthur Crisp. 1885. Folio, pp. 8. Twelve copies printed.

*Parish Registers of Ellough, Suffolk.* Privately Printed for Frederick Arthur Crisp. 1886. Royal 8vo. p. 52. Fifty copies printed.

*The Parish Registers of Newton-Linford, Leicestershire. 1677-1679.* Printed at the private press of Frederick Arthur Crisp. 1884. Folio, pp. 5. Ten copies printed.

*Genealogical Abstracts of Deeds relating to Families connected with the Parishes of Mattishall and Reepham, in the County of Suffolk.* Printed at the private press of Frederick Arthur Crisp. 1885. Folio, pp. 11. Twelve copies printed.

This is an interesting series of volumes. The books are all from the private press of Mr. Crisp, and are handsomely printed on heavy white paper, and are neatly and handsomely bound. The first book gives an interesting history of the parish of Stutton, with accounts of the Church, the Rectory House, with a list of rectors, and the Manors and other properties. The monumental inscriptions and extracts from the parish registers are also given.

The other works are a volume of abstracts of deeds relating to families connected with Mattishall and Reepham, and some parochial Registers of particular importance to the genealogists of our country, as from the counties in which these parishes are situated, many of our ancestors came. One of these Registers begins at the very early date of 1545, only seven years after the earliest known authoritative provision was made in England for Parish Registers, which was in the year 1538, in the reign of Henry the Eighth.

Frederick Arthur Crisp, Esq., of London, has, in addition to these books, either compiled or privately printed nine similar volumes on Parish Registers of Suffolk, Essex and Middlesex Counties; and we sincerely hope we shall have from him many more equally valuable publications.

By A. D. Weld French, Esq., of Boston.

*Admissions to Gonville and Caius College in the University of Cambridge, March, 1558-9 to Jan. 1678-9.* Edited by J. VENN, Sc.D., Senior Fellow of the College, and S. C. VENN. London: C. J. Clay and Sons, Cambridge University Press Warehouse, Ave Maria Lane. 1887. 8vo. pp. xxv.+312.

In our issue of July, 1886, we noticed the first part of the "Admissions to the College of St. John the Evangelist in the University of Cambridge." In our October number we announced as in preparation a similar volume containing the Admissions to another College in Cambridge University, namely, Gonville and Caius. This volume has been published and is now before us. We are informed in the Introduction to this book that the principal continuous records now possessed by this college are,

"1. The *Liber Matriculationis*, of the first part of which a slightly condensed English version is given in this volume. It commences in March, 1559-60, and gives the name, age, birth-place and school of every one who entered into residence, as well as the name and profession of the father."

"2. The *Gesta Collegii*. This contains the records of the corporate acts of the college, i. e. the decisions of college meetings, and is therefore mainly of value to those who are concerned with the material interests and fabric of the college. It also contains, however, entries of the elections to the mastership and fellowships, appointments to college livings, and an occasional entry of an expulsion or fine of some student."

"3. The *Liber Rationalis*. This takes account only of those members who were on the foundation, i. e. the master, fellows and scholars. It is a summary statement of accounts showing what was due to each in the way of stipend, and what had to be deducted from this on the score of kitchen accounts, or rations, fines for absence, etc. It is useful as showing during what period of time each of the above mentioned persons remained in residence. It is, in fact, our only means of determining the actual resident members of the college in early times. The earliest volume of this series commences in 1581."

"4. The *Liber Bursarius*, or Bursar's accounts. This deals mainly with the general income and expenditures of the college. It also contains, however, most of the results of the *Liber Rationalis*, as well as the payments to the holders of various college offices. In many cases the signatures of the recipients are given (in the *Liber Rationalis* the bursar or tutor generally signs in behalf of the recipient)."

A translation of the first of these records, the *Liber Matriculationis*, to the year 1678, is here printed. It has been kept nearly uninterruptedly to the present day. "The title, it may be remarked," says Dr. Venn, the editor, "is somewhat of a misnomer, as what it gives is the Admission of the student. Matriculation—at any rate as now understood—is a University ceremony, whereas what are here re-

corded are the names of all who were at any time admitted into residence within the walls of the college, or who at least paid the fees for such admission. The two descriptions are by no means coextensive."

These records have been faithfully edited and carefully printed. The book is a valuable addition to the biographical and genealogical literature of the mother country. "Although open like other colleges," as stated in our announcement last year, "to the whole of England, Caius was in an especial manner the college selected by natives of the east of England, and a preponderating majority of those who sought its courts were born in Norfolk and Suffolk, a fact which renders its Register of peculiar interest to the people of New England."

*Ralph Waldo Emerson: His Maternal Ancestors. With Some Reminiscences of Him.*

By DAVID GREENE HASKINS, D.D. Boston: Cupples, Upham & Company. 1887. Fcp 8vo. pp. xii. + 151.

The first part of the book presents a delightful picture of the best side of our early American life. It was a day of obedience, a day of reverence. It was a day of obedience of children to their parents; it was a day of reverence to almighty God by all sorts and conditions of men. In the last part of his admirable *Reminiscences*, Dr. Haskins gives us a clear account of the life of Emerson. Such a book as this was needed, and it seems peculiarly fitting that he should have written it. He was an own cousin to Emerson, and enjoyed many opportunities of social intercourse with him. He not only knew him as a man in the maturity of his powers, but he also saw much more of him during his earlier days, and was thus enabled to follow the growth of his remarkable life. He could thus see his inner life—if so open a nature as his could be said to have an inner life, for he, like Whittier, seemed to "throw the windows of his soul wide open to the sun." The lives of many men, and great ones, too, if the judgment of the world is to be trusted, have their lighter and darker sides, and often the shadows appear to predominate. But with Emerson this was not so. His life flowed on like a tranquil stream. It was the life of one who, while living in the world was above it, the life of one who lived in the spirit.

Dr. Haskins says that Emerson "Meets the highest test of a poet in being true to nature." He copies a poem of his entitled, "Good by, proud world," which only want of space prevents my giving entire. I can, however, only give the last verse. The poem was written when he was only about twenty years of age:

"Oh! when I am safe in my sylvan home,  
I tread on the pride of Greece and Rome;  
And when I am stretched beneath the pines  
Where the evening star so holy shines,  
I laugh at the care and pride of man,  
At the sophist schools and the learned clan;  
For what are they all, in their high conceit,  
When man in the bush with God may meet!"

One of our best critics has said, "For melody of words Emerson cannot be excelled."

The author shows clearly the influence which Emerson exerted upon Thoreau. It is one of the many illustrations which we might find of the great, although seemingly intangible, influence which one man has upon another. That he could have assisted in shaping such a man was a great thing. Emerson spoke of Thoreau as "*The man of Concord.*" Dr. Haskins gives a fine account of Emerson's method of composition, in which he explains the reason of his unusual style. It seems that Emerson was in the habit of going to walk in the woods in search of a thought, as he expressed it. When he found one he made a note of it in his *Thought Book*, after having first worked it over in his mind. Dr. Haskins goes on to say: "Whenever he wished to write an essay or a lecture, he made free use of the *Thought Book*, selecting and adapting such thoughts as seemed fitting, and stringing them together as a child strings beads on a thread." That such a method has its disadvantages cannot be denied, and yet it is the same one pursued by the saintly Thomas à Kempis in his "*Imitation of Christ.*"

But this book should be read by all who love literature, for it is impossible to give anything like an adequate summary of its contents. In concluding this brief notice I quote a few of his own words: "If I were asked to express in the fewest words what it was in Mr. Emerson that most impressed me, I should answer without hesitation, his reverent faith in God: his pure and blameless life. . . . It

is important, also, for the moral uses of such a life, that the true source of its inspiration should be known to all."

*By the Rev. Daniel Rollins, of Cambridge, Mass.*

*The Home Lots of the Early Settlers of the Providence Plantations, with Notes and Plans.* By CHARLES WYMAN HOPKINS. Providence, R. I. 1886. Quarto, pp. 8+78.

When in 1880 and in 1881 the first two volumes of the "Memorial History of Boston" appeared, a very useful object lesson was conveyed, in the shape of the various topographical maps therein contained. In these maps the original coast line and the original ownership of land were shown in distinct contrast with the present outline, the former being projected upon the latter. Research of a similar kind is embodied in the very attractive volume named above.

Providence, unlike Boston and many other American cities, was not founded on a peninsula, which through being overrun in course of time by the successive newcomers, was found too small to contain them. The original settlement at Providence was made along the eastern shore of an arm of the sea; the Towne Street having this salt water beach on the one side, and the settlers' dwellings on the other, for the distance of about a mile and a half. Behind these dwellings there rose an almost precipitous hill, with pasturage, wood-lots, and orchards occupying the table-land beyond. It has long been known within exactly what limits on the north, east, and south, the land appropriated in the original allotment was confined, but where the lines were run which separated the respective proprietors from each other has until recently been involved in much obscurity, as is shown by Mr. Hopkins's citations from various writers in his introduction. It has been Mr. Hopkins's endeavor to trace carefully these various lines, and in this attempt he has made use of an original record, dated in 1660, and probably in the handwriting of Roger Williams; but he has supplemented it by following back the records of ownership in the case of various lots, as found in the probate records and the registry of deeds.

The result of his labors is very interesting. He does not indeed reproduce for us the names of the occupants of the various houses along the Towne Street, from north to south, in these earliest years; for it by no means follows, of course, that the owner of a lot built his house there. He does, however, show to whom each of these sixty-two lots was apportioned, and, while not reproducing for us all the links in his chain of land-transfers, shows also in whose name the present ownership stands, where abutting on the former Towne Street. The various plans which are introduced into the volume graphically show this distribution. One of these represents the entire "East Side" or "Neck," as it at first existed, with the allotments of land extending in long, ribbon-like strips, eastward to what is now Hope Street. Two others show respectively the upper and lower portions of these lots at their western end, projected on a modern map of the streets now running through this territory.

The circumstances of the original allotment were not a mere duplicate of the corresponding experience at Boston, at New Haven, or at Hartford, but reflect the individuality of that decidedly unconventional character, Roger Williams. This whole territory originally stood in his name alone, having been obtained by purchase from the Indians. As the number of his associates gradually multiplied, he resorted to a systematic division of the land among them, and this division was one approaching as nearly as practicable to an equal distribution. As stated by Mr. Hopkins, however, "the lots nearer the centre of the town being much longer, were considerably reduced in width." Consequently the frontage of the lots on the Towne Street varied from 107 feet to 122 feet.

In the early Massachusetts and New Haven towns the body of church-members and the body of citizens were practically identical. No such union of church and state has ever existed in Rhode Island; yet, curiously enough, an equally wide departure from a democracy in the direction of an aristocracy came in time to be developed, and through the medium indeed of this very proprietorship in land. The body of "proprietors" became, quite strictly, a close corporation; the population being made up of these on the one hand (comprising the first settlers and their heirs), and, on the other, of the "non-proprietors," or new-comers. The former had the power to admit additional proprietors to membership, and their rights descended regularly to their "heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns." Indeed, it was a long time before any "Town meetings" distinct from the "Proprietors' meetings" were held. Of course the attempt to chain and confine the democratic

principle was as futile in this Rhode Island town as in the Puritan communities of the neighboring colony.

Mr. Hopkins's volume is in some respects a model of its kind. It is to be hoped that the present very general interest in antiquarian researches will not pass, before most of our New England communities shall have had a similar service performed for them.

*By William E. Foster, A.M., Providence, R. I.*

*The Commemoration by King's Chapel, Boston, of the Completion of Two Hundred Years since its Foundation, on Wednesday, December 15, 1886. Also Three Historical Sermons. With Illustrations.* Boston: Little, Brown & Company. 1887. 8vo. pp. vii.+200. With Index.

The first organization of the established Church of England in the still youthful colonies of New England is an event here most fittingly commemorated. It was an occurrence that marked the first wide departure in religious matters from the customary order of things which had prevailed since the beginning; the power which had been held by the Puritans in their church government, hitherto undisputed, was henceforth to be divided; and it was the first circumstance, perhaps, that tended to produce a toleration in religion that grew with increasing liberality as the years rolled on. The foundation of King's Chapel may therefore be regarded as a great historic event in our colonial annals.

Nor was it so far removed in time from the origin of the settlements as to be considered as a modern incident. Many of the founders of the colony, Governor Simon Bradstreet, the Rev. John Eliot, Capt. Roger Clap among others, were in 1686 still living; so that the establishment of King's Chapel may well be looked upon as happening within the experience of some of the fathers of New England, who must have viewed with mingled feelings, the starting in their new home of the very church from whose rigid discipline they themselves had fled.

The origin and progress of the new church are recorded in a most careful and interesting manner in the volume under notice. There are three sermons by the pastor, the Rev. Henry Wilder Foote, delivered on the 5th, 12th and 19th of December, 1886, respectively, two before, and one after, the celebration. These sermons are of high literary merit, and their eloquence, vividness and picturesque power easily bring to our imagination the scenes occurring in the early days of the first Episcopal church of New England. They naturally form the principal feature of the volume. The remainder of the book is devoted to the preliminary action and the celebration proper on the 15th of December, 1886. The latter includes eleven addresses and two poems besides the religious services. The addresses are appropriate and refer to the church history in fitting terms. That of the pastor is as interesting in retrospective description as are his sermons. That of the Rev. George Angier Gordon, of the Third (Old South) Church, deals principally with the relations of King's Chapel with the Old South Church. That of the Rev. George Edward Ellis of the First Church brings out with marked prominence some of the early events, and his description of the Rev. Dr. Greenwood adds not a little to the interest of the work. The address of the Rev. John Hopkins Morison relates mainly to the character and services of the late Rev. Dr. Peabody. The Rev. Phillips Brooks describes in an able manner in his address the origin and relations of Trinity Church as a child of King's Chapel, while the addresses of Governor Robinson, President Eliot of Harvard College, the Rev. James Freeman Clarke, the Rev. Andrew Preston Peabody, the Rev. Francis Greenwood Peabody and William Minot, Esq., contribute to complete the record of events from the commencement of Episcopal Services in "y<sup>e</sup> town-house," through its progressive stages in the Old South Church, the little wooden church building "on a corner of the town's earliest burial-ground" to the now venerable structure on the same locality, where the celebration which the book describes was held. The poetical contributions by the Rev. James Freeman Clarke and Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes are excellent and serve most gracefully to ornament the matter-of-fact discourses of the occasion. There is also an admirably appropriate hymn by Dr. William Everett in the religious portion of the services.

Much of the interest excited by this volume is due to the spirit of good fellowship and kindly feeling exhibited by the ministers of different creeds at the celebration, which will be seen on a perusal of the discourses; and this notwithstanding the fact that, for more than a century, King's Chapel had adopted a more liberal belief than that with which it started its career. How widely marked is the contrast be-

tween this spirit and that which prompted Governor Andros and his followers to seize the Old South Church as "the best meeting-house, situated in the best part of the town," it will not be difficult to determine in these pages. But I have said that the spirit of toleration in religious matters may have owed its origin to the foundation of King's Chapel. The first setting up of this church was viewed with feelings of sufferance on the part of the original colonists and their immediate descendants; but the transition from sufferance to direct toleration on their part was not slow, for if they had the power to overthrow the governor, they might also have had the power to overthrow the faith which that governor represented, and of which he was the main support. That they did not do this in 1689, only three years after the establishment of King's Chapel, shows that they not only suffered what they could not, but tolerated what they could, prevent.

There are twenty illustrations embellishing the volume, all of them of an appropriate character. The familiar faces of Governors Joseph Dudley, Burnet, Belcher, Pownall and Hutchinson appear in the list of portraits, together with some not so familiar, as those of Mrs. Rebecca (Tyng) Dudley, the wife of Governor Joseph, Lieut.-Governor Dummer, the Rev. James Freeman and Peter Faneuil. The first King's Chapel building of 1689, the pulpit in 1717, the fac simile of the first page of the earliest record-book, the Chapel as it appeared in 1833, and the decorations and escutcheons used in the celebration are all faithfully reproduced. The book is neatly printed and bound, and is, in every respect, a most worthy contribution to the ever widening circle of our valuable local histories.

By Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston, Mass.

*Centennial History of Norway, Oxford Co., Maine. Including an account of the Grantees, Early Settlers and Prominent Residents, etc. With Genealogical Registers and an Appendix.* By WILLIAM BERRY LAPHAM. Portland, Me.: Brown, Thurston & Co., Publishers. 1886. Large 8vo. pp. xvi.+659. Price \$4. Sold by George E. Littlefield, 67 Cornhill, Boston.

The name of the author of this History is sufficient guarantee for the success of the work. The Committee appointed by the citizens of Norway to arrange for and publish a history of their town are to be congratulated that they were able to secure Dr. Lapham as their historian. The recently published histories of Woodstock and Paris, Me., as well as numerous other publications of an historical and genealogical character, by Dr. Lapham, fully attest to his fitness for the task. It is hoped that the town of Bethel, Me., will soon follow the example of Norway, and enlist the Doctor in their interest.

This book is arranged in three parts. Part I. gives a brief outline of early Maine history, grants and settlements in Oxford County; and a plan of the original grants and purchases of land which are included within the territorial limits of the present town of Norway. One chapter is devoted to copies of original documents, relating to the same, early transfers of real estate and sketches of the grantees. Chapter V. commences an account of the inhabitants of the town and events connected with them, beginning with the first settlers in 1786, and is continued in chronological order through the century; this material is so arranged as to be deeply interesting. About one hundred pages are devoted to ecclesiastical, educational and military history. It appears that Norway was represented in twelve Maine regiments in the war of the Rebellion. Over forty pages are occupied by personal notices of past and present citizens of the town, who have distinguished themselves in various ways. An account of the Centennial which was celebrated at Norway September 8, 1886, is given in full.

Part II. is devoted to "Genealogical Registers" and embraces about one-third of the volume. It is evident much time and care has been bestowed upon this department; the result of these researches, as it appears in these published records, renders the book of great value as a work of reference, outside of its interest to the citizens of Norway.

Part III. is a Statistical Appendix; it includes a complete list of the town officers for one hundred years, the direct tax lists for 1798 and 1816, and the census of the town for 1850. The book is faithfully indexed, and is illustrated with thirty-six portraits and nine views. The typographical work is excellent, and the volume reflects great credit both to author and publishers.

By Mrs. A. C. Pratt, of Chelsea, Mass.

*Rosier's Relation of Waymouth's Voyage to the Coast of Maine, 1605. With an Introduction and Notes.* By HENRY S. BURRAGE, D.D. Printed for the Gorges Society. 1887. Fcp. 4 to. pp. xi.+176. Price to members, \$3.50.

The uncertainty as to which river Capt. George Waymouth entered, in 1605, in his explorations of the coast of Maine, has caused much to be written and published about his voyage. The interest which these publications has aroused in the minds of historical students, as well as the intrinsic value of the tract itself, have no doubt influenced the council of the Gorges Society in their selection of the account of Waymouth's voyage by James Rosier, as one of the volumes of their publications. The original edition of Rosier's tract was published at London in 1605, with this title: "A True Relation of the most prosperous voyage made this present yeere 1605, by Captaine George Waymouth in the Discouery of the land of Virginia; Where he discouered 60 miles vp a most excellent Riuer; together with a most fertile land. Written by James Rosier, a Gentleman employed in the voyage."

The tract was not reprinted till 1843, over two centuries and a quarter after its first appearance, when it was printed by the Massachusetts Historical Society in the twenty-eighth volume of its Collections. It was again reprinted in 1860 by Mr. George Prince, of Bath, Me., in a pamphlet in which he gave reasons for believing that the river explored by Waymouth was the Georges River.

The editor of this volume, the Rev. Dr. Burrage, editor of *Zion's Advocate*, under the head of "Survey of the Literature," gives references to Waymouth's voyage "found in the narratives of subsequent navigators, in histories and other writings." In regard to the controversy relative to the river entered, full details are here given. In 1797 Capt. John Foster Williams of the United States Revenue service, at the request of Rev. Jeremy Belknap, D.D., examined the coast of Maine to determine the various localities visited by Waymouth. Foster made a report that was printed by Belknap in his "American Biography." He decided that the river entered in 1605 was the Penobscot, though the general opinion previously was that it was the Kennebec. Subsequent writers seem to have been divided between these two rivers till the year 1858, when George Prince, of Bath, Me., published an article in a Thomaston newspaper giving his reasons for believing that the river was neither the Kennebec nor the Penobscot, but the George's. This view was more fully presented by Mr. Prince in a paper before the Maine Historical Society, January, 1859, printed in the sixth volume of that Society's Collections. He has also advocated it in a pamphlet published by him in 1860. It is accepted as the true theory by the editor of this volume, by Bancroft, and by several other authors, though some painstaking historical writers still adhere to the Kennebec.

Dr. Burrage has edited this volume in a very able manner. His annotations of Rosier's True Relation show a thorough knowledge of the subject. He has also collected for his Introduction everything he could obtain relative to Waymouth and his expedition to the coast of New England. In his Preface he acknowledges his indebtedness to Mr. Baxter, the editor of the Trelawney Papers and of the preceding volume of the Gorges Society's Publications, for assistance in obtaining information about Waymouth, concerning whom little has hitherto been known. "In my investigations," Dr. Burrage says, "I have been greatly aided by Mr. James P. Baxter, of Portland, who, during his residence in England in 1885 and 1886, left no place unvisited where there was likely to be found any trace of Waymouth's life and work. His labors were richly rewarded. Manuscripts were discovered which have remained unnoticed almost three centuries, and which throw much light upon the character and career of one who has been known merely as a navigator."

The volume is handsomely printed, with a number of appropriate illustrations, among which are two charts of the coasts, one from Seguin Island to Pemaquid Point, and the other from Pemaquid Point to Whitehead. On these charts are indicated the several courses Waymouth is supposed by different writers to have taken, while exploring the coast of Maine.

This is the third volume of the Publications of the Gorges Society. The first issued in 1884 was *New England's Vindication* by Henry Gardiner, edited by Dr. Charles E. Banks, and noticed by us in January, 1885. The second, issued in 1885, was a monograph on George Cleaves by James P. Baxter, A.M. They all contain important additions to the history of Maine.

*Collections of the Maine Historical Society.* Volume IX. Portland: Printed for the Society. 1887. 8vo. pp. 11+393.

This volume is mainly devoted to biographies, and is among the most interesting and valuable of the society's publications. For many years the Maine Historical

Society has been collecting materials for a history of the beginnings of English occupancy of the coast of Maine, which history is to be founded on a series of carefully written biographies of the men who made that history, and the new departure, so to speak, inaugurated in Vol. VIII., is continued in the volume before us. The first of the series is a sketch of Sir William Phips, by Hon. William Gould. As a frontispiece the volume is embellished by a portrait supposed to be that of Sir William, and the sketch is further illustrated by a fac-simile of a ticket issued on the occasion of his funeral, and of a bill of credit of 1690. Mr. Gould's facts are based mainly upon those contained in the Life of Sir William Phips by Dr. Cotton Mather, and in the Diary of Judge Samuel Sewall, both of whom were contemporary with Sir William, and survived him.

The second sketch is of General Samuel Waldo, with portrait, by Hon. Joseph Williamson, and is characterized by that grace and elegance of diction which so strongly marks everything that emanates from Mr. Williamson's pen. Then follows "Claude de La Tour" by John E. Godfrey, of Bangor, "John Pierce" by John Johnston, "The Sheepscot Farms" by Alexander Johnston, "William Hutchinsons," the last surviving Revolutionary Pensioner in New England, by Hon. Joseph Williamson, "General John Chandler," Maine's first United States Senator, by Hon. George F. Talbot, "The White Hills of New Hampshire" by E. H. Elwell, of the *Portland Transcript*, and "Memoir of Judge Nathan Clifford" by Hon. James W. Bradbury.

The eleventh article is a Grammatical Sketch of the Ancient Abnaki Indians, a very learned and valuable paper by Rev. Michael Charles O'Brien, of Bangor. This sketch is outlined in the Dictionary of Fr. Sebastian Rale, and is here fully elaborated by Father O'Brien, who has made the dialect of the Eastern Indians a careful study.

The twelfth and last article, and one of the most valuable, is entitled "Edward Godfrey. His Life, Letters and Public Services," by Dr. Charles Edward Banks. Edward Godfrey was the first Governor of Maine, serving from 1649 to 1652, and Dr. Banks, by correspondence with parties in England, came into possession of much valuable information respecting this man, which now appears in print for the first time. It is an admirable sketch, and is accompanied by copies of interesting collateral documents.

This volume comes from the Riverside Press, and is a model of neatness in typography.

By W. B. Lapham, M.D., of Augusta, Me.

*John Tileston's School, Boston, 1778-1789; 1761-1766. Also his Diary from 1761 to 1766.* By D. C. COLESWORTHY. Boston: Antiquarian Book Store. 1887. 18mo. pp. 77. Price 50 cts. Sold at Colesworthy's, 66 Cornhill, Boston, Mass.

Master Tileston, the teacher of Edward Everett and a host of other graduates of the Boston public schools, was born February 27, 1735, and died Oct. 13, 1826, aged 91. He was master of the North Writing School from 1762 to 1819, having previously been usher to Zachariah Hicks in the same school. Mr. Colesworthy having had the good fortune to obtain, some years ago, two lists of his scholars, from 1761 to 1766 and from 1778 to 1789, has made them the basis of the present work. The lists contain the names of many men who have done honor to the town in which they received their education. Mr. Colesworthy furnishes a brief biography of Master Tileston, to which he prefixes a chapter on the early schools of Boston and sketches of the lives of some other notable teachers. The book closes with the names of the parents and guardians of some of his private scholars and his diary from 1768 to 1766. The author has made a valuable contribution to the history of Boston. The work is appropriately dedicated to William Blake Trask, as a testimonial to his "persevering researches and unwearied labors in the antiquarian field."

*The Universalist Quarterly and General Review.* RICHARD EDDY, D.D., Editor. New Series, Volume XXIII. Boston: Universalist Publishing House. 1886. 8vo. pp. 512. Published quarterly. Subscription price, \$2 a year.

The Universalist Quarterly for the year 1886 offers to its readers thirty-three articles, of varied value and interest, on a wide range of phases in social and religious life; beside expositions and treatises upon the dogmas of the Church and texts of the Sacred Word. However, the General Review and Contemporary Literature, embracing the editorial contributions, and outlook over the movements of Christian



thought to-day, is no small part of this periodical. The editor, for a long series of years, the Rev. Thomas Baldwin Thayer, D.D., died during this year. His manuscripts, however, have filled the editorial pages, while the oversight of the Quarterly has been delegated to the Rev. Richard Eddy, D.D., the historian of the Universalist denomination, and upon whom has fallen the editorial mantle during the present year. The death of Dr. Thayer is a great loss to the Universalist Church. His scholarship, his keen sense in interpreting the difficult and salient texts of the Bible, and his hearty and generous expositions of those passages which portray the character of God, have drawn after him a large and increasing influential following in his own and other denominations. It would be difficult in a few words to note, save in giving the titles, the strong points of the General Review. The Review is upon the questions of life in the theological world, and the Contemporary Literature deals with the literature published during the year.

Rev. Dr. Richard Eddy now succeeds to the editorship, and with his well-known discernment will carry forward the influence of this Quarterly.

*By the Rev. Anson Titus, of Amesbury, Mass.*

*The Proceedings of the Bostonian Society at the Annual Meeting January 11, 1887.*

Boston: Old State House. Published by order of the Society. 1887. 8vo pp. 71.

The present number of the Proceedings of the Bostonian Society shows that this association is active in carrying on its work, which is the promotion of the study of the history of Boston and the preservation of its antiquities. Its collection of portraits of old Bostonians and other relics of the past in this city is constantly increasing. The visitors to the Old State House, whose historic halls have been made so attractive since the city has placed them in the custody of this society, numbered in 1886 over ten thousand. The society last year had the misfortune to lose the services of its efficient secretary and treasurer, Mr. Daniel T. V. Huntoon, who was obliged by ill health to resign the position, and who has since died. His successor, Mr. William Clarence Burrage, has shown himself an active and intelligent worker, who fills with credit the position to which he has been elected. Mr. James Rindge Stanwood, secretary of the committee on rooms, who also retired at the beginning of 1886, did much good service to the society in previous years. His lists of the collections of the society, both donations and loans, are models in painstaking accuracy and in clear arrangement.

The people of Boston may well be thankful to the active workers of the Bostonian Society, and also be proud of its historical collections, which are freely and courteously shown to citizens and strangers.

*Localities in Ancient Dover.* By JOHN R. HAM, M.D. Concord, N. H.: Printed by the Republican Press Association. 1887. 8vo. pp. 18.

This is a very useful compilation. We have here an alphabetical list of the various localities in Ancient Dover, with brief histories of the several places. Dover originally contained within it limits the present city of Dover and the towns of Somersworth, Rollingsford, Newington, Madbury, Durham and Lee. Dr. Ham is an accurate investigator, and had before this preserved much historical material relating to Dover. His "Dover Physicians," which gave biographical sketches of the physicians of that town from its early days to the present time, was noticed by us in January, 1880.

*Universalism in America. A History.* By RICHARD EDDY, D.D. Vol. II. 1801—1886. With Bibliography. Boston: Universalist Publishing House. 1886. 8vo. pp. 634. Price \$1.50 a volume, or \$3 for the set.

The first volume of this history has already been noticed in the REGISTER for April, 1885 (xxxix. 200). It gave an account of the rise of the sect in these modern days. This present work chronicles in brief its history from the beginning of the century to date, giving special weight to those years from 1800 to 1820. Its significant points are the framing of the Winchester Profession of Faith in 1803; the publication of Ballou on the Doctrine of the Atonement in 1805, the first book to avow the unitarian as against the trinitarian doctrine; the initial movements of the Restoration schism, and the growth of the sect into a closer and more compact organization. It was a sect of scattered people, but few at best in a community, but by a constant persistence, with an eye single to their central doctrine, the Universalist people have pride in possessing schools, institutes and colleges over the country, and a literature which, if not popular in the accepted sense, is influential

in stimulating and moulding modern interpretation. Rev. Dr. Chapin was once asked about "Universalism running down." "Yes," was his reply, "and running over into the thought and life of every other denomination." The Profession of Faith, formulated at Winchester, N. H., in 1803, is as follows:

*Art. 1.*—We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament contain a revelation of the character of God, and of the duty, interest and final destination of mankind.

*Art. 2.*—We believe that there is one God, whose nature is Love, revealed in one Lord Jesus Christ by one Holy Spirit of Grace, who will finally restore the whole family of mankind to holiness and happiness.

*Art. 3.*—We believe that holiness and true happiness are inseparably connected, and that believers ought to be careful to maintain order and practise good works; for these things are good and profitable unto men.

The influence of Hosea Ballou in the publication of his work on the Atonement in 1805, and later works, was very great. His cause was unpopular, but somehow since that time the question of the destiny of the human soul has been more earnestly discussed. There was a slight disturbance in the sect, 1817-1841, which was more a question of temper than of theology, known as the Restoration Schism. Dr. Eddy does not spare in dealing strongly with this part of their history. The early labors of the Ballous, Whittemores and Streeters, and likewise the labors of those who followed them, Miner, Chapin, Fisher, Thayer and Thomas, come in for just appreciation. There have been changes in their methods of interpreting the Old and New Testaments, and there has been growth in the unwritten laws of the sect; but to their Profession of Faith there is a loyalty to be commended. It had to battle to secure a recognition from the older churches. Tufts College, its leading institution, is now one of the best equipped among the younger colleges, and is gaining for itself a reputation far and wide. The literature of this denomination is likewise gaining, as is seen in the Bibliography of this History, which is no small part of the value of this book. "The Latest Word of Universalism" and Rev. Dr. George H. Emerson's "Doctrine of Probation Examined," are among its recent publications. The interests of the people are served by a well-endowed Publishing House. Its clergymen are foremost in the reforms of the day, and progressive and hopeful in their spirit and labor. The "Christian Leader," Boston, "The Universalist," Chicago, are its leading weekly periodicals.

*By the Rev. Anson Titus, of Amesbury, Mass.*

*The Early History of Southampton, L. I., New York, with Genealogies. Revised, Corrected and Enlarged.* By GEORGE ROGERS HOWELL, M.A. (Yale University.) Second Edition. Albany: Weed, Parsons and Company. 1887. 8vo. pp. 473. Price \$5, or by mail \$5.20.

The first settlement of Southampton was made in June, 1640, and being the first town in New York state settled by the English, its records and genealogies are of great importance. The first edition of this work was issued in 1866 in a duodecimo of 318 pages. The present edition is enlarged to an octavo of 473 pages. In every respect the work has been improved. It has nearly all been rewritten, and the genealogies have been thoroughly revised, enlarged and corrected.

The author has not attempted to write a complete history of the town, though there appears to be abundant material for this. We hope, however, that Mr. Howell, or some other person interested in the subject and qualified for the task, will, before many years, give us the later history of Southampton, the early history of which is so well presented in this work. Mr. Howell has here printed a large number of valuable documents relating to the original settlements, the purchase of lands, etc. In securing so many of these records he has been very fortunate, and also in being able to give an unusually complete list of the settlers, with an approximate location of their estates. The records of the families of the town are not confined to the early generations. They cover 243 pages, more than half the volume, and include a large number of people from Massachusetts and Connecticut. This portion of the work will prove of particular interest to the present residents of Southampton, and of great value to the genealogist. There is evidence here of careful research, and the result will be fully appreciated by the reader.

*By Francis E. Blake, Esq., of Boston.*

*Poets and Poetry of Cecil County, Maryland.* Collected and edited by GEORGE JOHNSTON, author of the *History of Cecil County*. Elkton, Md.: Published by the author. 1887. 8vo. pp. 302. Price \$1.64, post-paid.

The value of this book, to the local pride, rests in its preservation of specimens of the remarkable affluence of the rhyming diction, developed upon the immediate crossing, to the southward, of Mason and Dixon's line. Mr. Johnston has, however, largely added to the value of his volume by the comprehensive life-sketches which precede the verses of each poet. Such memoirs soon become authentic history, or serve as the only sources for biographical facts. Mr. Johnston must have learned in the preparation of his valuable *History of Cecil County*, noticed by us in January, 1882, the importance of recording all life facts. Nature has her resentments, and the gleaner after time too often receives the answer of the angel to Esdras: "Go thy way; weigh me the weight of the fire; measure me the blast of the wind; or, call me again the day that is past."

By George A. Gordon, A.M., of Somerville, Mass.

*Papers of the California Historical Society.* Vol. I. Part I. San Francisco: California Historical Society. 1887. Royal 8vo. pp. xxxii. +94.

On the 29th of April, 1852, the "Historical Society of the State of California" was incorporated. Among its directors were Stephen J. Field, now one of the Justices of the United States Supreme Court, and the late Jacob Bailey Moore and Major Gen. Halleck. It had ceased to exist, however, before 1870, when another association was formed, which was incorporated as the "California Historical Society." Five volumes of the Collections of this society were issued, viz.: "*Noticias de la Nueva California*," by Father Palou, the first priest of the Mission of San Francisco, 4 volumes; and "*Reglamento para el Gobierno de la Provincia de Californias*," 1 volume. The society after this became inactive and practically dead. In 1886 a new effort was made, and the California Society was reincorporated, the surviving members of the old society uniting with the projectors of the new, in its organization. Hon. Horace Davis was the first president of the new society, elected March 6, 1886. The present president is John T. Doyle, who had been the organizer of the second society and the editor of its publications.

The present volume contains five papers read before the society in 1886 and 1887, namely: "The Local Units of History," by Martin Kellogg; "Data of Mexican and United States History," by Bernard Moses; "History of the Pious Fund of California," by John T. Doyle; and "The first Phase of the Conquest of California," by William Carey Jones. The papers show historical research and marked ability. An introduction, giving the history of the several historical societies, and a list of the officers and members of the present society are prefixed.

The volume is handsomely printed on fine white paper with broad margins, and its mechanical as well as its literary execution does honor to the young society.

*Records of Bindnagle Church, near Palmyra, Lebanon County.* Compiled by E. W. S. PARTHEMORE. Harrisburg, Pa.: Daily Telegraph Print. 1886. 8vo. pp. 22.

The tract of land in Pennsylvania in which the Bindnagle Lutheran Church stands was patented Oct. 26, 1753. The first church edifice was built about this time and stood till 1803, when a brick two-story building was erected, which is still standing and in use, having been renovated in 1885 at the expense of the Early family. The parish records of deaths, burials, baptisms and marriages are translated by Mr. Parthemore and printed here. The burial records contain some valuable biographical items relative to the several individuals whose burials are registered. The compiler has prefixed a historical sketch of the church. The pamphlet is a welcome addition to our genealogical materials.

*Judge David Davis. Address delivered before the Legislature of Illinois at the Joint Memorial Service of Judge Davis and General Logan.* By LAWRENCE WELDON. Washington: Gibson Bros., Printers and Bookbinders. 1887. Royal 8vo. pp. 28.

This is a just and eloquent tribute to the memory of the late Hon. David Davis, of Illinois, who ably filled the offices of Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1862 to 1877, and Senator from Illinois from 1877 to 1883. "His life was a success, not accidental, but deserved."

*The Musical Record. A Journal of Music, Art and Literature.* Edited by DEXTER SMITH. June, 1887. Published Monthly, 32 pages large 4to. in each number. Price \$1 a year, or 10 cts. a number.

This is the 305th number of this valuable musical magazine, which is now firmly established in the favor of our lovers of music. Mr. Smith has had much experience in editing works of this kind, and the present number of the Musical Record fully sustains the reputation which he has earned.

*The Last French Post in the Valley of the Upper Mississippi, near Frontenac, Minn.; with Notices of its Commanders.* By EDWARD D. NEILL. Saint Paul, Minn.: The Pioneer Press Company. 1887. 8vo. pp. 23.

The Rev. Dr. Neill has published much upon the history of this country, and particularly concerning his adopted state of Minnesota. The present work shows much original research, and is a valuable contribution to the history of the French people in what was long known as the North West.

*Family Records of Deacons James W. Converse and Elisha S. Converse.* Compiled and edited by WILLIAM G. HILL. Malden, Mass.: Privately Printed. 1887. 8vo. iv.+241. With an index.

*History of the Dudley Family, with Genealogical Tables, Pedigree, &c.* Number II. By DEAN DUDLEY. Wakefield, Mass.: Dean Dudley, Publisher. 1887. Royal 8vo. Published in numbers containing 100 pages each. Price \$1 a number.

*The History of the Boyd Family and Descendants.* By WILLIAM P. BOYD. Concord, N. Y.: Boyd's Job Printing Establishment. 1884. Sm. 8vo. pp. 318. With indexes.

*Genealogy of the Family History of the Uphams of Castine, Maine, and Dixon, Illinois, with Genealogical Notes of other Families.* Compiled by F. K. UPHAM. Printed for Private Circulation. 1887. 8vo. pp. 68. With an index.

*Collections relating to the Surname Feather.* By GEORGE W. MARSHALL, LL.D. Woburn, 1887. 8vo. pp. 24. With indexes.

*George Way and his Descendants, Historical and Genealogical. Their Connection with the Early Penobscot (Pejepscot) Grants, and the Famous Lawsuits resulting therefrom, 1628-1821.* Boston: Printed for the Author by E. P. Whitcomb. 1887. 8vo. pp. 23. By C. Granville Way.

*Genealogy of the Hawley Family of Marblehead.* 8vo. pp. 8.

*Genealogy of the Fenner Family.* No. 2. 8vo. pp. 23. By the Rev. James P. Root, of Providence, R. I.

*Longevity and Personal Memoirs of the Stickney Family of Massachusetts and New England.* 8vo. pp. 5.

*Bloss Genealogy.* By JAMES O. BLOSS. Printed for Private Circulation. 1887. 8vo. pp. 19.

*The Lineage of President Abraham Lincoln.* By SAMUEL SHACKFORD, of Chicago, Ill. 8vo. pp. 7. For sale by G. E. Littlefield, 67 Cornhill, Boston, Mass., and C. L. Woodward, 78 Nassau Street, New York, N. Y. Price 25 cts.

*Ezekiel Cheever. Additional Notes.* By JOHN T. HASSAM, A.M. Boston: 8vo. pp. 6.

The purpose of the volume on the Converse family, we are informed in the Introduction, is "to present in an enduring form the family record of Deacons James W. and Elisha S. Converse and their immediate family connections, and also one line of the descendants of the following parties:—Roger de Coigneries, of Durham, England, 1066; Deacon Edward Convers, of Charlestown, Mass., 1630; Robert Wheaton, of Salem, Mass., 1636; John Coolidge, Watertown, Mass., 1630; and William Edmonds, Lynn, Mass., 1630." The descendants of Roger de Coigneries, here given, in later times spelled their surname Conyers. It is possible that Edward Convers, of Woburn, Mass., may have been an offshoot from this family, but as there were families by the name of Converse in England at the time he left that country for Massachusetts, we consider the connection suggested by Mr. Hill improbable. The Converse family fills 82 pages, the Wheaton family 35 pages, the Edmonds family 32 pages, and the Coolidge family 7 pages. Though confined in one line, these genealogies are very carefully worked up, and are very creditable to the compiler. Dea. Elisha S. Converse, the younger of the two brothers whose an-

cestry is given in this volume, was the first mayor of Malden, Mass., and has been a generous benefactor to that city. In 1885 he and his wife presented to the city an elegant and costly building for the public library, as a memorial of their son, Frank Eugene Converse, a promising youth who was untimely cut off at the age of seventeen. A description of this building, illustrated by views, and the proceedings at its dedication, are preserved in this book. The volume is handsomely printed and illustrated.

In our January number we noticed the first part of Mr. Dean Dudley's *History of the Dudley Family*. The second part is now before us. It gives further particulars relative to the English families of the name, with biographies of the Rev. Samuel Dudley and Gov. Joseph Dudley, sons of Gov. Thomas Dudley, and other matter of interest to the descendants of the Dudleys. The author is doing a good service in preserving here the result of his very exhaustive researches in England and in this country. This number, like the last, is handsomely printed, with appropriate illustrations.

The next volume on our list, that on the Boyd family, contains "an historical chapter of the Ancient Family of Boyds in Scotland, and a complete record of their descendants in Kent, New Windsor and Middletown, N. Y., Northumberland County, Pa., and Boston, Mass., from 1740 to 1884." Of this volume, as a correspondent writes, "Mr. Boyd has been author, compiler, compositor, proof-reader and pressman, all in one. He was driven by the necessities of the case to construct even his own printing press." The book, he adds, is "a product of rare perseverance." Under the circumstances it is highly creditable to the compiler, and a valuable addition to American genealogy.

The book on the Upham family is by Capt. Frank Kidder Upham, of the First United States Cavalry. It gives one line of the descendants of John Upham of Malden, with a synopsis of what the author has found about the family in England. Besides this there are sketches of several other families from which Capt. Upham or his wife was descended, namely, Cutler, Kidder, Avery, Little, Brooks, Curtis, Perkins and Wear. The author does well not to endorse the connection of the English families of Warren and Southworth, which he reprints, with American families of the name. Mr. Somerby, who furnished the English pedigrees, in a conversation with the writer of this some years before his death, disavowed all responsibility for the connections as printed. The book is well arranged and handsomely printed.

The pamphlet on the Feather family, by Dr. Marshall, of London, contains a copious collection of genealogical matter relating to the name gathered from wills, registers and other manuscripts, and also from printed books. Tabular pedigrees show the descent of certain branches. Persons interested in the surname will oblige by communicating with Dr. Marshall, Oxford and Cambridge Club, Pall Mall, London, S. W., England.

Mr. Way, the author of the next pamphlet, has been many years engaged in preparing a genealogy giving the descendants of his ancestor Henry Way, who settled at Dorchester, Mass., and died there in 1667. In the course of his investigations he collected much matter relative to the descendants of other early settlers of New England by the name of Way. The matter obtained relating to the family of George Way is here preserved in print. Much of the pamphlet has an interest for historical as well as genealogical students.

The Hawley pamphlet is compiled by Mr. William D. Hawley, of Malden, Mass. It gives one line of the descendants of Richard Hawley, painter, born about 1698, and notices of others of the name at Marblehead. It is well compiled and handsomely printed.

The next work is No. 2 of the Fenner family, by Rev. Mr. Root, of Providence. This family holds a distinguished place in the history of Rhode Island, and the author, who is well known by his previous genealogical work, will make this a valuable and interesting family history.

The Stickney pamphlet contains biographies of Mr. William H. Stickney, of Chicago, Mr. Joseph H. Stickney of Baltimore, Md., and his brother-in-law, Mr. Henry L. Reed, of Chambersburg, Pa., with some genealogical facts about the Stickneys.

The Bloss pamphlet is a second and enlarged edition of that noticed by us in January last.

The Lincoln and Cheever pamphlets are reprints from the REGISTER.

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PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, TO JUNE 11, 1887.

I. *Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.*

Brigadier-General Samuel Waldo, by Joseph Williamson. Reprinted from Volume IX. Collections of Maine Historical Society. Portland, 1887. 8vo. pp. 19.

William Hutchings, the last pensioner of the Revolution in Maine, by Joseph Williamson. Reprinted from Volume IX. Collections Maine Historical Society. Portland, 1887. 8vo. pp. 7.

The Congregational Year Book, 1887, issued under the sanction of the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States, by its publishing committee, and containing the general statistics of those churches for the last previous year. Boston: Congregational Publishing Society. 1887. 8vo. pp. 276. Edited by the Rev. Henry A. Hazen.

In Memoriam. Rev. William G. Eliot, D.D., and Rev. Henry Ward Beecher. A sermon preached before the first Congregational Church in Lexington, Mass., Sunday morning, March 13, 1887, by the Pastor, Rev. C. A. Staples. Boston: George H. Ellis, Printer, 141 Franklin Street. 1887. 8vo. pp. 14.

William Greenleaf Eliot, by John H. Heywood. Reprinted from the Unitarian Review. Boston: Press of George H. Ellis, 141 Franklin Street. 1887. 8vo.

Our Indian Mission and our first Missionary, Rev. Charles H. A. Dall. A memorial paper by his Divinity-School Classmate, John H. Heywood. Boston: Press of George H. Ellis, 141 Franklin Street. 1887. 8vo. pp. 30.

Before, at, and after Gettysburg, by J. Watts de Peyster. New York: Charles H. Ludwig, Printer, Nos. 10 and 12 Reade Street. 1887. 8vo. pp. 56.

The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, from April, 1772, to April, 1775, inclusive. Transcribed and edited in accordance with a resolution of the General Assembly. By Charles J. Hoadley, State Librarian. Hartford: Press of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company. 1887. 8vo. pp. 534.

Zeisberger's Indian Dictionary. English, German, Iroquois, the Onondaga and Algonquin, the Delaware. Printed from the original manuscript in Harvard College. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son, University Press. 1887. Large 8vo. pp. 235. Edited by Prof. E. N. Horsford.

The last French Post in the valley of the Upper Mississippi, near Frontenac, Minn.; with notices of its commandants, by Edward D. Neill. Saint Paul, Minn.: The Pioneer Press Company. 1887. 8vo. pp. 23.

Catalogue of the Boston Public Latin School, established in 1636, with an historical sketch prepared by Henry F. Jenks. Boston: Published by the Boston Latin Association. 1886. 8vo. pp. 398.

The Old South. Addresses delivered before the Confederate Survivors Association in Augusta, Georgia, on the occasion of its ninth annual reunion, on Memorial Day, April 26th, 1887, by His Excellency Governor John B. Gordon, and by Col. Charles E. Jones, Jr., LL.D. Augusta, Ga.: Chronicle Publishing Company. 1887. 8vo. pp. 22.

Collections of the Virginia Historical Society. New Series. Vol. VI. Miscellaneous papers, 1672-1866, now first printed from the manuscript in the Virginia Historical Society, &c. &c. Richmond, Virginia: Published by the Society. 1887. 8vo. pp. 373. Edited by Robert A. Brock.

II. *Other Publications.*

History of the Handel and Haydn Society (founded A.D. 1815), prefaced with a brief account of Puritan Psalmody in Old and New England, by Charles C. Perkins. Vol. I. No. I. Boston: Alfred Mudge & Son, Printers, 34 School Street. 1888. 8vo. pp. 58.

History of the Handel and Haydn Society (founded A.D. 1815) from Sept. 1, 1817, to May 26, 1861, by Charles C. Perkins. Vol. I. No. II. Boston: Alfred Mudge & Son, Printers, 24 Franklin Street. 1886. 8vo. pp. 69-147.

Mémoires de L'Académie des Sciences, Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres de Toulouse-Huitième Série, tome VIII. Toulouse: Imprimerie Douladoure, Privat Rue Saint-Rome 39. 1886. 8vo. pp. 274.

Proceedings of the Worcester Society of Antiquity, for the year 1886. Worcester, Mass.: Published by the Society. 1887. U. S. A. CXL. 8vo. pp. 168.

Indiana Historical Society Pamphlets. No. 3. The Acquisition of Louisiana, by Judge Thomas M. Cooley. Indianapolis: The Bowen-Merrill Co. Publishers. 1887. 8vo. pp. 25.

Localities in Ancient Dover, by John R. Ham, M.D. Concord, N. H.: Printed by the Republican Press Association. 1887. 8vo. pp. 18.

Minutes of the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States, at the sixth session, held in Chicago, Ill., Oct. 13-20, 1886, with the reports and papers. Boston Congregational Publishing Society. 1887. 8vo. pp. 386.

The Two-Hundred and Forty-Eighth Annual Record of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co., Massachusetts. 1885-1886. Sermon by Rev. Oliver A. Roberts, of Salisbury, Mass. Boston: Alfred Mudge & Son, Printers, 24 Franklin Street. 1886. 8vo. pp. 152.

Admissions to Gonville and Caius College in the University of Cambridge, March, 1558-9, to January, 1678-9. Edited by J. Venn, Sc.D., senior fellow of the College, and S. C. Venn. London: C. J. Clay & Sons, Cambridge University Press, Warehouse, Ave Maria Lane. 1887. 8vo. pp. 312.

Papers of the California Historical Society. Vol. I. Part I. San Francisco: California Historical Society. 1887. 8vo. pp. 94.

A Memorial of Mrs. Clarissa Davenport Raymond, who died at Wilton, Ct., Jan. 19, 1887, aged 104 years, 8 months and 25 days. Printed for the family. A. B. Davenport, Garfield Building, Brooklyn, N. Y. 1887. 8vo. pp. 19.

Collections of Cayuga County Historical Society, Auburn, N. Y. Number Five. Tenth annual address. Sewers: Ancient and Modern, with appendix and illustrations, "Hobbies," and some which we have ridden in 1886. Auburn, N. Y. 1887. 8vo. pp. 125.

A Discourse by Rev. Henry C. DeLong, on the eighteenth anniversary of his ministry in the first parish, Medford. Preached March 6, 1887. Medford: Press of R. O. Evans, 13 Riverside Avenue. 1887. 8vo. pp. 14.

Elder William Brewster of the Mayflower; his books and autographs, with other notes, by Justin Winsor. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son, University Press. 1887. 8vo. pp. 17.

The Opening, the Use and the Future of our Domain on this Continent. An address delivered before the New York Historical Society on its eighty-second anniversary, November 16, 1886. By George E. Ellis, D.D., LL.D. New York: Printed for the Society. 1887. 8vo. pp. 34.

Archives of Maryland, judicial and testamentary business of the Provincial Court 1637-1650. Published by authority of the State, under the direction of the Maryland Historical Society. William Hand Browne, editor. Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society. 1887. Large 8vo. pp. 669.

Papers of the American Historical Association. Vol. II. No. I. Report of the Proceedings, third annual meeting, Washington, D. C., April 27-29, 1886. By Herbert B. Adams, Secretary of the Association. New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1887. 8vo. pp. 104.

The Ordinance of July 13, 1787, for the government of the territory northwest of the River Ohio. A paper read before the Ohio State Historical and Archæological Society, February 23d, 1887, by Hon. William P. Cutler. Marietta, O.: E. R. Alderman & Sons, Printers. 8vo. pp. 48.

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The Relations of the Town and the State. An historical address, delivered at the Centennial Celebration of the incorporation of Littleton, July 4, 1884, by A. S. Batchelor, with an appendix. Patriot Steam Job Print, Concord, N. H. 8vo. pp. 27.

Table of the Representation of Apthorp and Littleton in the New Hampshire Provincial Congress and House of Representatives, 1775 to 1887. Compiled by A. S.

Batcheller. Littleton, N. H.: Eli B. Wallace, Printer and Stationer. 1887. 8vo. pp. 7.

Biographical Record of the Officers and Graduates of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 1824-1886. Edited by Henry B. Nason, secretary of the Association of Graduates, 1872-1886, with an introduction by Benjamin H. Hall. Troy, N. Y.: William H. Young. 1887. 8vo. pp. 614.

Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections. Vols. XXVIII., XXIX. and XXX. Washington: Published by the Smithsonian Institution. 1887. 8vo.

Memorial Warren Carpenter, dedicated to his children and relatives, by his friend and former partner, E. P. Carpenter. Foxboro', Mass., January, 1887. 8vo. pp. 24.

Fifth Annual Report of the Church Orphanage St. John's Parish, Washington, D. C., 1886-7, founded All Saints Day, 1870. Washington, D. C.: R. O. Polkingham, Printer. 1887. 8vo. pp. 16.

Index to the first twenty volumes of the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 1791-1883. Boston: Published by the Society. 1887. 8vo. pp. 521.

Official Proceedings at the dedication of the Statue of Daniel Webster at Concord, New Hampshire, on the 17th day of June, 1886. Published by order of the Governor and Council. Manchester: John B. Clarke, Public Printer. 1886. 8vo. pp. 120.

The Legislative General Reunion at Hartford, May 5, 1886. Compiled from the records by the secretary of the Executive Committee. Hartford, Conn.: The Case, Lockwood and Brainard Company, Printers. 1886. 8vo. pp. 104.

An Illustrated Chapter. Representative Men who have occupied the executive chair of the most wonderful of all American Cities. Designed, engraved and published by George W. Melville, 116-118 Dearborn Street, Chicago. 1887. Large 8vo.

Address at Music Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio, on the occasion of the removal of the remains of Salmon P. Chase to Spring Grove Cemetery, Thursday, Oct. 14, 1886, by George Hoadley. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1887. 8vo. pp. 24.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**THE CANDLER MANUSCRIPT PEDIGREES.**—In our January number we announced that Joseph J. Muskett, Esq., of London, had nearly ready for the press the well known genealogical manuscripts of Matthias Candler, vicar of Coddensham in Suffolk, England. These will be printed as soon as a sufficient number of copies are subscribed for to pay the expense. Mr. Muskett has allowed us to lay before the readers of the REGISTER, pp. 22-4, a specimen of these pedigrees, with his annotations.

Rev. Nathaniel Ward, whose name is found in the Ward pedigree, came to New England, as did also his sons John and James, and his daughter Susan and her husband Giles Firmin. All of this family but John returned to England. John was the first minister of Haverhill, Mass. Though he left no posterity bearing his own surname, his descendants, through his daughters Elizabeth and Mary, are numerous, and many of them are distinguished in the literature and history of New England. Among those who are dead may be named Gov. Gurdon Saltonstall of Connecticut, Hon. Dudley Woodbridge of Barbados, Gen. Gurdon Saltonstall, Hon. Leverett Saltonstall, M.C., Rev. Thomas W. Coit, D.D., Rev. Edward B. Hall, D.D., and Rev. Nathaniel Hall. Among the living are Rev. Phillips Brooks, D.D., Francis Parkman, LL.D., Donald G. Mitchell, LL.D., William Everett, Ph.D., Charles Francis Adams, Hon. Stephen H. Phillips, Rev. Edward H. Hall, Daniel C. Gilman, LL.D., Rev. O. B. Frothingham and Leverett Saltonstall.

Of those named in the Waite pedigree, Robert Lord and John Waite are known to have come to New England, the former settling at Ipswich and the latter at Malden. Their descendants are numerous and respectable. There are some reasons for supposing that Thomas Waite in this pedigree was the person of that name who settled at Ipswich, Mass.

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**LIFE OF GEORGE MASON OF "GUNSTON."**—Miss Kate Mason Rowland, 142 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland, who is of the lineage of the distinguished patriot and statesman, George Mason of "Gunston," is preparing a



life of him, and has made considerable progress in this historical desideratum. Miss Rowland is a niece of Miss Emily V. Mason, the biographer of General Robert E. Lee, and is an acceptable contributor to American periodicals. For the successful accomplishment of her pious task Miss Rowland possesses the requisite qualifications, and enjoys rare facilities in access to valuable stores of family papers. She would be grateful for the contribution of any material, in private hands, towards her work.

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NEWSPAPERS IN 1887.—Messrs. George P. Rowell & Co., of New York, have issued the Nineteenth Annual edition of their standard publication, the "American Newspaper Directory." The following statements derived from it have been furnished us :

"The new volume contains an exhaustive list of all Class Publications so admirably arranged that any one of the three thousand papers represented there can be readily referred to, and all important facts concerning it, together with its circulation rating, easily obtained.

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GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think may be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from colleges or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of births, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

Cone.—William W. Cone, of Topeka, Kansas, wishes to correspond with persons of the name of Cone, for the object of collecting information respecting the genealogy of the Cone family.

Goodricke.—C. A. Goodricke, Esq., 34 Alkham Road, Stamford Hill, London, N., England, will shortly put to press a volume of Abstracts of *Goodricke Wills and Inquisitiones Post Mortem* in Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Cambridge, from 1491 to 1839. With it will be issued an Illustrated Copy of Grant of Crest, 1694, and a collection of Goodricke autographs in facsimile. Sixty copies only will be printed, of which forty-five will be Imperial 8vo., uniform with "The History of the Goodricke Family," price 5 shillings, and 15 on large Whatman's paper, price 7 shillings 6 pence, postage and packing (if any) extra.

**Hartwell.** By L. W. Densmore, Hillsboro' Centre, N. H.—Mr. Densmore has his "Hand-Book of Hartwell Genealogy" in press. It is a comprehensive account of the descendants of William Hartwell, one of the early settlers of Concord, Mass., and their dispersion to all parts of the Union and foreign lands. This publication is the result of an extended research carried on through several years, involving a great amount of labor in correspondence, travel and personal canvass. It represents about 8,000 names of descendants of William Hartwell, besides those added by marriage, and gives brief notices of military and professional service, as well as activity in ordinary pursuits of life. No pains have been spared to verify the data given, by careful comparison with public and private records. It contains also detailed notices of the allied families of Brown, Bellows, Cummings, Kendall, Gibson, Gardner, Johnson, Melvin, Stiles, Stow, Russell, Wood, Winchell, and many others. It makes a closely printed octavo of 160 pages or upward. A limited edition is being printed, and those desirous of obtaining copies of this, the first attempt to rescue from oblivion the annals of a worthy family, will do well to order at once. Price, post-paid, in muslin, \$1.50; in paper covers, \$1.25.

**Hubbard.**—A. S. Hubbard, San Francisco, has been for ten years collecting material and data of his descent from Edmund Hubbard or Hobart of Hingham, through Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Caleb,<sup>3</sup> Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> Peter,<sup>5</sup> Peter<sup>6</sup> and Theodore.<sup>7</sup> He will be pleased to hear from descendants possessing matter relating to the first of each generation.

**Pierce.** By Col. Fred. C. Pierce, Daily Gazette Office, Rockford, Ill.—Col. Pierce has ready for publication a history and genealogy of the Pearce, Peirce and Pierce families of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, which will be put to press as soon as enough subscribers to warrant the outlay have been procured. Price \$5.

**Sampson.** By Thomas Sampson, Esq., 56 Avenell Road, Highbury, London, N., England.—Mr. Sampson has some three hundred closely written pages of material relating to this ancient stock, which dates back some centuries before the Conquest. He would be glad to receive information relative to the Sampsons, Sansums, Sansons, Samsons, or however the name may be spelt, in America.

**Towle.** By Mrs. Maurice Lindsay, Tenaflly, New Jersey.—Mrs. Lindsay is collecting materials for the genealogy of the Towle family, and would be grateful for any assistance from the readers of the REGISTER.

Whose son was Philip Towle, who settled in Hampton, N. H., about 1640, and married Isabel Asten, of Hampton? And was Joseph Towle, of Hampton, their son? Joseph married Sarah —, and their children were—Amos, died aged 43; John, Joseph, James, Mary, married — Page; Mehitabel, married — Brown, and Jonathan, who died 23d April, 1791, at Epsom, and married Elizabeth Jenness, of Rye, N. H.

Whose son was Roger Towle, whose name appears on the list of freemen under first charter of Massachusetts colony, 29th May, 1644, and was John Toll (list of freemen, May, 1645), his brother?

Whose son was Francis Towle, a "Commander of Horse" of New Hampshire under Governor Winthrop? His mother was a daughter of Robert Wilson.

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
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Application for copies may be made to the authors as above, or to the editor of the N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register.

 The editor of the REGISTER takes pleasure in calling the attention of its readers to the above announcement. The work will be a companion volume to the superb work which Prof. Salisbury compiled and had printed in 1885, a notice of which appeared in this periodical in 1886. Most of the families of the present volume, as of those of the former one, are among the most distinguished in New England. The long experience of Prof. and Mrs. Salisbury in antiquarian research, and their rare facilities for obtaining information, are an assurance that this work will be of the very highest value.

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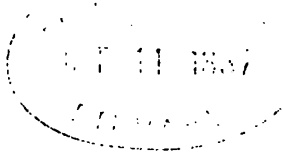
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1636.—*Harvard University*.—1886. *A Record of the Commemoration, November Fifth to Eighth, 1886, on the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of Harvard College.* [College Seal.] Cambridge, N. E.: John Wilson and Son, University Press. 1887. Pp. 379.

This is the official account of the Proceedings at the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of Harvard College. On the 7th of November (N. S.), 1636, the General Court of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay passed the memorable vote to give "400<sup>l</sup> towards a schoale or colledge," and in this small beginning Harvard College had its origin.

How fitly to celebrate the 250th anniversary of an event of such far-reaching and lasting importance was the subject of much anxious thought on the part of the Committee of Arrangements, and it must be admitted that the plans finally decided upon were in every way worthy of the occasion and could scarcely have been improved upon. Inasmuch as there were about forty-five hundred living alumni of the College and about thirty-five hundred of the professional schools—in all about eight thousand persons—entitled to attend the celebration, in addition to the large number of undergraduates and invited guests, how to dispose of the great multitude that might be expected to come to Cambridge to take part in the Commemoration was a perplexing problem, especially as the season of the year would not allow the holding of the exercises in a tent. It was therefore determined to extend the celebration over three days:—Saturday, Nov. 6th, Undergraduates' Day, to be devoted by the Students of the University to Literary Exercises in Sanders Theatre in the morning, to Athletic Sports in the afternoon, and a Torchlight Procession in the evening; Sunday, Nov. 7th, Foundation Day, when Commemorative Exercises were to be held in Appleton Chapel,

conducted in the morning by the Rev. Francis G. Peabody and in the evening by the Rev. Phillips Brooks; and Monday, Nov. 8th, Alumni Day, when an address by James Russell Lowell, LL.D., and a poem by Oliver Wendell Holmes, LL.D., were to be delivered in the morning in Sanders Theatre, after which honorary degrees were to be conferred by the University. This was to be followed in the afternoon by the Alumni Dinner in Memorial Hall. This programme was carried out exactly as it was planned, except that, on account of the rain, the Torchlight Procession was postponed until Monday, Nov. 8th.

The exercises, however, were really begun by the Law School Association at its meeting on Friday, Nov. 5th, when Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., delivered the oration—an oration which should be read by every lawyer in the land who was so unfortunate as not to be able to hear it—and by its dinner in the Gymnasium.

But the crowning day of all was the third and last, Alumni Day. The scene in the Theatre was a memorable one. The fame of orator and poet, both illustrious wherever the English language is heard, the presence of the President of the United States and the members of his Cabinet, the delegates from Emmanuel College and from the University of Cambridge, England, in their academic gowns, the representatives of the chief American Colleges, and the other distinguished guests on the stage, and the noble looking body of cultivated men who constituted the audience, combined to make an impression on the beholder never to be effaced from the memory.

It is manifestly impossible, in the short space allowed for this notice, to give a synopsis of this book which will do justice to the subject. The development of the College into the University is, according to Professor Norton, far nearer completion than Mr. Lowell would have us believe, and the plea for a good all-round education comes too late. Undoubtedly the adoption of the elective system is now absolutely necessary to the perfect growth of the University. But a line must be drawn somewhere. We have a right to expect the College to stand a bulwark against the assaults of superficially taught, half educated declaimers against the miscalled dead languages—"only those languages can properly be called dead in which nothing living has been written"—and especially against those who would see the Greek language dragged from the throne from which it governs the world. The knowledge of Greek is absolutely essential to an educated man. There is no such thing as a liberal education without it, and there can be no "equivalent" for it. To bestow the degree of Bachelor of Arts upon a graduate of Harvard College who cannot read a line of Greek, is an absurdity. The proceeding tends to bring all college degrees into contempt. They thus become meaningless.

At the conclusion of the exercises in the Theatre, honorary degrees were conferred by President Eliot upon delegates of other colleges and upon other distinguished guests. But this ceremony lost much of its impressiveness owing to their being given in English, instead of Latin which from the foundation of the College until now had been employed for that purpose. A senseless innovation like this is never an improvement. It was ill-suited to the dignity of the occasion.

The volume is illustrated by a fac-simile of a page of the earliest Record Book of the College, showing the first design for the College Seal and the vote for its adoption in 1643. A reduced fac-simile of the College Charter of 1650 is also given, and two views of the College as it appeared in 1821.

A misleading statement is made on p. 51. It is there said that Dr. Perry, of the Class of 1811, was the oldest graduate of the College, after the death of Joseph Head of the Class of 1804. But William Thomas, of Plymouth, of the Class of 1807, who attended Commencement in 1882, being then in his 94th year, was publicly presented to the assembled Alumni at the dinner in Memorial Hall as the senior graduate of the College. He died in Plymouth, September 20th, 1882.

The volume closes with a list of the alumni and guests who registered as attending the celebration.

By John T. Hassam, A.M., of Boston.

*Groton Historical Series: A Collection of Papers relating to the History of the Town of Groton, Massachusetts.* By SAMUEL ABBOTT GREEN, M.D. Groton: 1887. 8vo. pp. viii. 502. Edition 125 copies. Price \$6. For sale by George E. Littlefield, 67 Cornhill, Boston, Mass.

Dr. Green is a native of Groton, Massachusetts, and intends at some time to write a history of that town. He delivered an historical address, July 4, 1876, which was published at the time. Since then he has printed a number of monographs illustrating its history, all of which have been noticed as they appeared in our pages.

In 1884, he commenced printing a series of papers relating to the history of Groton, twenty of which have now appeared and are here collected in a volume. The titles of these papers are: No. 1—Reminiscences of Groton during 1823 and 1824 (by William Amory). 2—Reminiscences of Groton during 1826 and 1827 (by Elizur Wright). 3—Groton during Shays's Rebellion. 4—Groton as a Shire Town—Two Groton Conventions—The Soapstone Quarry. 5—Miss Prescott's School—Groton Newspapers—Revolutionary Items. 6—Address at Dedication of Lawrence Academy by the Rev. Charles Hammond. 7—Old Stores and Post Office of Groton. 8—Old Taverns and Stage Coaches of Groton. 9—District Schools—Public Library—Military Matters—Fires in 1829. 10—Earliest Church Records in Groton. 11—Reminiscences of Groton during 1838-1841 (by the Rev. Silas Hawley). 12—Groton during the Indian Wars—Simon Willard and Nonacoicus Farm—Samuel Carter, Fourth Minister of Groton. 13—Register of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Groton 1664-1693, and of Marriages, 1713-1793, as copied from the Middlesex County Records. 14—Revolutionary Items—Rev. Samuel Dana—Presbyterian Controversy—President Dwight's Description of Groton. 15—Geography of Groton—List of Town Clerks—Station Masters. 16—New Chapter in the History of the Concord Fight—Naomi Farwell, the Hermitess—Gilson Family. 17—An Old Home and some of its Occupants—South Military Company—John Bulkley's Death—Commodore Bainbridge and the Lakin Farm—Revolutionary Soldiers—Indian Attack of July 27, 1684. 18—Groton Bi-Centennial Celebration—Samuel Lawrence's Recollections—Chaises and "Chairs" in Groton—Slavery in Groton. 19—General Grant's Visit to Groton—Old Mill Sites in Groton—William Nutting—Daniel Farmer and Eleazer Priest—Farrington Family—Burning of Judge Dana's Barn. 20—Two Chapters in the Early History of Groton.

The titles of the previous monographs above referred to: 1—An Historical Address, Bicentennial and Centennial, delivered July 4, 1876, at Groton, Massachusetts. Groton: 1876. Octavo, paper covers, 86 pages. Price \$1.00. 2—Epitaphs from the Old Burying-Ground in Groton, Massachusetts. With Notes and an Appendix. Illustrations. Boston: 1878. Octavo, cloth, pages xix, 271. Price \$3.00. 3—An Historical Address delivered at Groton, Massachusetts, February 20, 1880, at the dedication of three monuments erected by the town. Groton: 1880. Octavo, paper cover, 56 pages. Price 50 cents. 4—The Early Records of Groton, Massachusetts, 1662-1707. With Notes. Heliotype. Groton: 1880. Octavo, cloth, 201 pages. Price \$2.00. 5—Groton in the Witchcraft Times. Groton: 1883. Octavo, paper cover, 29 pages. Price 50 cents. 6—Groton during the Indian Wars. Groton: 1883. Octavo, cloth, 214 pages. Price \$2.50. 7—The Boundary Lines of Old Groton, Massachusetts. Map. Groton: 1885. Octavo, cloth, 105 pages. Price \$1.50.

In these volumes, Dr. Green has collected a mass of material relating to his native town that is worthy of preservation, from which he will be able to draw for his facts in compiling his forthcoming history. The town is rich in historic material. Two other historical works of his can still be obtained. The titles are: 1—Count William de Deux-Ponts's Campaigns in America. 1780-81. Translated from the French Manuscript, with an Introduction and Notes. Boston: 1868. Octavo, paper cover, pages xvi, 176. Price \$3.00. 2—History of Medicine in Massachusetts. A Centennial Address delivered before the Massachusetts Medical Society, at Cambridge, June 7, 1881. Boston: 1881. Octavo, cloth, 131 pages. Price \$1.00.

All these works can be purchased of Mr. Littlefield, 67 Cornhill, at the prices named.

Dr. Green deserves great credit for the labor of love which he is performing, and his example should incite the natives of other towns to preserve the fast perishing materials which illustrate their history.

*History of Framingham, Massachusetts, early known as Danforth's Farms, 1640-1880, with a Genealogical Register.* By J. H. TEMPLE, Author of "History of Whately," "History of Northfield," "History of Brookfield," etc. Published by the Town of Framingham. 1887. pp. 794.

The new History of Framingham, by Rev. J. H. Temple, is a very full and finished piece of work. It is a volume of 794 pages, royal octavo. Of these, more than three hundred pages are occupied with the Genealogical Register of Framingham families. Every one of these pages represents a large amount of research and patient work. It was five years ago, in 1882, that Mr. Temple entered upon the task of preparing this volume, though he had previously gathered a large amount of material looking to this end.



It is just fifty years ago since Rev. William Barry, for ten years (1835-1845) pastor of the Unitarian Church in Framingham, issued his history of the town. He had spent the two years immediately following his ministry in the preparation of the volume, and it was regarded as a highly creditable work. Mr. Barry, who has only recently passed away (1885), at an advanced age, has been for many years distinguished as a librarian in the city of Chicago. But the volume he prepared has been for years out of print, and there was a natural demand for a new and enlarged work. In fulness of detail and comprehensiveness, this history of the town far surpasses its predecessor. Indeed, few town histories will be found more perfect than this. Mr. Temple has for many years made this kind of writing his special employment. Years ago he wrote the *History of Whately, Mass.*, and has recently completed the *History of North Brookfield, Mass.*, besides being an associate author of the *History of Northfield, Mass.*

Framingham was not one of the ancient towns of the Commonwealth. It was not incorporated as a town until the year 1700. Up to that time, it had been an outlying appendage of the old town of Sudbury, and was popularly known as Danforth's Farms. The first church on this territory was organized Oct. 8, 1701, and Rev. John Swift, a native of Milton, Mass., and a graduate of Harvard (1697), was ordained pastor, where he remained till his death in 1745. For more than a hundred and fifty years, Framingham has been one of the substantial and attractive towns of the Commonwealth, notable for its pleasant landscapes and lakes; the latter of which have now been utilized by the City of Boston. The town has long had a steady and quiet growth, and been filled with a population of high average intelligence and wealth. But its very recent history has been marked by a far more rapid increase of population and wealth than ever before. By the planting, within a few years, of large manufacturing establishments, within that part of the town known as South Framingham, there have been large accessions to its population and resources.

In Rev. Mr. Barry's history, before mentioned, the *Genealogical Register*, which was truly valuable, only included the persons who had been inhabitants before the year 1800. Mr. Temple's *Register* is a very great enlargement of this earlier work, including all who had taken up their residence in the town prior to 1860.

It will be noticed that the work is published by the town, which made an appropriation of \$4,000 for the purpose, and put the whole business into the hands of a competent committee. A very large part of our town histories hitherto have been projected, written and published by individuals at their own risk, and very often, after giving all their time and labor, they have found themselves seriously out of pocket, financially, by the operation. There is many a township in New England that owes a large debt of gratitude to some private citizen, who, out of his love of the work, has furnished his town with a good history, largely at his own expense. The *Framingham History* is the outcome of a better way and a higher wisdom.

*By the Rev. Increase N. Tarbox, D.D., of West Newton, Mass.*

*London Marriage Licenses, 1521-1869.* Edited by JOSEPH FOSTER. From Excerpts by the late Col. Chester, D.C.L. With Memoir and Portrait. London: Bernard Quaritch, 15 Piccadilly W. 1887. Super Royal 8vo. double columns, pp. 856. Price £3. 3s.

The first part of this book was noticed in the April number of the present periodical. The work is now completed and makes a handsome volume of over eight hundred closely printed pages. The Marriage Licenses here printed are fully described in the list of Col. Chester's Manuscripts printed in the *Register* for January, 1884. They are No. IV. in the list. "This magnificent series of extracts," says Mr. Foster, "together with his other MSS., were transcribed, in duplicate, at the sole cost of George E. Cockayne, Esq., Norroy King of Arms, by the late Col. Chester, to enable him to annotate, from the information they afford, his celebrated *magnum opus* on the Registers of Westminster Abbey. There is probably no page in that superb work, unrivalled in modern genealogy, that has not a reference to this wonderful collection."

The *Genealogist* for July last has an appreciative notice of this book. "Mr. Foster," to quote that notice, "has wisely adopted the alphabetical plan in his arrangement of the entries,—which we estimate at something like 25,000,—so that any one can see at a glance the male entries under a particular name, and as the columns are also numbered instead of the pages, the female names are readily found from the references in the 'Index of Matches—Females,' at the end of the volume."

The work performed by Mr. Foster in arranging the entries alphabetically, the *Genealogist* terms "herculean."

Mr. Foster has reprinted, with our consent, the memoir of Col. Chester, which appeared in the *REGISTER* for January, 1884, with additions from Mr. Latting's memoir in the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* and from other sources. The portrait engraved for the *Record* makes the frontispiece of the volume. The editor deserves great credit for the able and thorough manner in which he has performed his work on this book, and the publisher also merits praise for his liberal outlay on the handsome volume now before us.

*The History of North Brookfield, Massachusetts. Preceded by an Account of Old Quabaug, Indian and English Occupation, 1647-1676; Brookfield Records 1686-1783.* By J. H. TEMPLE, author of *History of Northfield*, *History of Framingham*, etc. With a Genealogical Register. Published by the Town of Northfield, 1887. 8vo. pp. 824. Price \$5. Address Mr. Hiram Knight, North Brookfield, Mass.

In our January number we printed a full notice of this book, prepared from advance sheets by Mr. Henry E. Waite. It was expected then that the work would be published in a few weeks, but various causes delayed its issue till last August.

It is now thirty-eight years since the author of this book, the Rev. Mr. Temple, published his first town history, that of Whately, Mass., in which town he was then settled as the pastor of the First Church. Since 1849, when that book appeared, he has issued a second and much enlarged history of Whately, besides histories of Northfield and Framingham, and the work before us. His experience and his vast collection of historical materials, have enabled him to give us in this book one of the most satisfactory town histories that has yet appeared.

The Genealogical Register appended to the history is a very full record of North Brookfield families. It fills 319 pages in small type. This portion of the work is by the late Hon. Charles Adams, Jr., whose memoir is the leading article in this number of the *REGISTER*. He devoted much time and labor to collecting and arranging the facts. The Genealogical Register was not printed till after Mr. Adams's death, but competent and careful friends have seen it through the press, and it may be pronounced a valuable and trustworthy record.

*The Medical Register for New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, for the Year commencing June 1, 1887.* WILLIAM T. WHITE, M.D., Editor. Vol. XXV. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1887. Large 18mo. pp. cxv.+310.

The originator of this valuable serial was the late George H. Tucker, M.D., whose memoir will be found in the fourth volume of the *Memorial Biographies of the New England Historic Genealogical Society*. Dr. Tucker edited the first volume for 1862, but owing to his death, early in the year, no Register for 1863 appeared. In 1864 the work came under the supervision of the New York Medico-Historical Society, and under its direction it has been regularly issued to the present time. "Volume 2 was the first issue in which was printed a list of the regular physicians practising in New York City." The list contained the names of six hundred and forty-three physicians, of whom at least two hundred and twenty-five are now dead. The New York City list, in the present volume, contains the names of 1,938 physicians, or more than three times the number in volume 2.

The editors of the twenty-five volumes of the Register have been George H. Tucker, M.D., 1 vol. 1862; Guido Furman, M.D., 3 vols. 1864 to 1866; John Schraday, M.D., 3 vols. 1867 to 1869; E. Lee Jones, M.D., 1 vol. 1870; A. E. M. Purdy, M.D., 7 vols. 1871 to 1877; and William P. White, M.D., the present editor, 10 vols. 1878 to 1886. A complete set of this work has been presented to the New England Historic Genealogical Society by Ellsworth Eliot, M.D., of New York City.

Besides the lists of physicians in the three States named in the title page, the volume contains accounts of various medical societies, with lists of officers and other statistics, obituaries of noted physicians, and other matters of interest to the medical profession.

*Edward Jessop of West Farms, Westchester Co., New York, and his Descendants. With an Introduction and an Appendix: the latter containing Records of other American families of the name, with some Additional Memoranda.* By Rev. HENRY GRISWOLD JESSUP. "I set the people after their families."—*Nehemiah*, v. 13. Cambridge: Privately printed for the Author, by John Wilson and Son. 1887. 4to. pp. xxxi. 442.

We cannot speak too highly of the character and contents of this book. It is similar, in many respects, to the Morris and Gray genealogies. It contains, besides genealogical matter, reminiscences, biographies, wills, letters with fac-simile signatures, notes, portraits, &c. It is a noble monument to the industry, perseverance and good sense of the compiler. It is surprising that he has accomplished so much. Our mind naturally reverts to the time, some eight years ago, when called upon by him in the incipient stages of his researches, to answer inquiries relative to his family. We here behold the grand result.

The plan of the book varies, in one particular, from some of our best arranged genealogies, and we are inclined to think it an improvement. "The index numbers attached to the name of father, grandfather, etc., do not designate generations, as is commonly the case, but point to a preceding part of the book, where, in connection with the same number, the full history of the ancestor may be found." By an arrangement of heavier type, italics and capital letters, the system is carried out.

The introduction gives us an account of researches in England by the late Col. Chester, who "elevated the study of English family history from a mere pursuit to a science." His sudden death occurred in 1882, before he had prepared a final report of his year's work. Every will in London, at the public offices, bearing the name of Jessop, from 1383 to 1780, had been copied by him.

The earliest traditions of the family are closely associated with the county of Yorkshire, as the probable starting point and home of the emigrant ancestor. A copy of the arms granted Richard Jessop of Broom Hall, 13 July, 1575, is inserted. A pedigree and history of this family is also given, but the connection is not made between them and our American Jessops. A long and valuable communication from the Rev. Augustus Jessop, D.D., regarding the English history of the family, throws much light on the subject. It is a contribution of interest to historical students generally.

Edward Jessup, the emigrant ancestor in this country, was a citizen of Stamford in Connecticut, as early as 1649; he may have been still earlier in Fairfield. On the 12th of March, 1664, conjointly with John Richardson, he purchased of Shannerockett and eight other Indians, a tract of land, subsequently called West Farms, in the county of West Chester, now, by annexation, a territorial part of the city of New York. This deed, a copy of which may be found in the book, is on record in the office of the secretary of state, at Albany, Book of Deeds, vol. ii. pp. 58, 59. The Jessup half of the patent passed by inheritance and purchase into the possession of Thomas Hunt, Jr., who married the daughter and eldest child of the patentee. His son, Edward, perpetuated the name. The children of the daughters, who married, and had children, are given.

There is but one index of names and places. It is contained in 52 pages, double columns. This is alphabetically arranged, the Jessups taking their places in the order with other families. The book is in the style and size of the Prince Society publications, John Wilson & Son, as will be seen, the printers.

*By Mr. William B. Trask, of Boston.*

*Ben Hardin: His Times and Contemporaries, with Selections from his Speeches.*

By LUCIUS P. LITTLE. Louisville: Printed by the Courier-Journal Job Printing Company. 1887. 8vo. pp. xi.+640+x. With Index and Illustrations.

The reader is here carried back to the early days of the political history of Kentucky, to scenes immediately succeeding the experience of the "dark and bloody ground." Kentucky at this period had undergone a transition from the terrible border life of Boone, John Hardin and their companions, to the more peaceful victories of the rostrum and the legislative hall. These legal contests and word battles are well described in the work under notice.

The period referred to is the first half of the present century; the epoch that developed such men as Henry Clay, Felix Grundy, Chancellor Bibb, John W. Stevenson, Garrett Davis, and other able advocates of the west. These were the men who contributed by their intellectual eminence to raise the comparatively new State of Kentucky to a position of importance in the sisterhood of States rarely obtained in newly settled or border communities; a position which she has scarcely retained in more recent times.

Among these distinguished men the subject of this biography was no insignificant figure. He was a member of both branches of the State Legislature, was elected to the lower house of Congress for several terms, was Secretary of State of Kentucky from 1844 to 1847, and was a member of the State constitutional conven-

tion of 1849. In all these positions he acquitted himself with dignity and success. He was eminent as a lawyer and as an orator, his style being apparently a combination of the refinement of the east with the more forcible and vigorous manner of the western school of oratory. His biographer describes him as "not only impressive, but magnetic"; and he has been described by others as using wit, drollery, invective and sarcasm in a very effective manner. The book is full of anecdotes and incidents illustrating these qualities, and also quotes copiously from his speeches in further proof of them. The "Owsley Speech," made at the time of Hardin's resignation of the office of Secretary of State of Kentucky, is reported quite fully, taking nearly a hundred pages of the work. Hardin's comparison of James K. Polk with Henry Clay, on page 351, may also be noted as affording a fair specimen of his eloquence.

The work affords a very entertaining, instructive and interesting example of western biographical literature. The stories and incidents related, aside from their illustrations of character, form a very amusing and interesting picture of Kentucky life and manners of half a century ago. Altogether it is a volume that deserves to be carefully read, as presenting the history of a period and a section not so well known as it ought to be in New England.

The author, in dealing with the genealogical matter relating to the Hardin family, has not been quite so fortunate as with the main part of his subject. He follows the old traditional "three brothers" theory in accounting for the settlement of the family in this country. The brothers are said to have fled from France "after the massacre of St. Bartholomew—though how near that event traditions differ." Then he describes the survivor of these brothers as living in Virginia, and Sarah Hardin, the mother of Benjamin the subject of the work, as knowing him soon after the middle of the last century. As the massacre of St. Bartholomew occurred in 1572, this brother could not have lived within a century of that event. A more satisfactory conjecture would have been that this ancestor, who was a Huguenot, came to America in consequence of the revocation of the Edict of Nantes by Louis XIV., a century or more after the massacre.

The pictorial illustrations of the work are wood cuts representing the prominent men of the period in Kentucky and their residences. The book is well printed on good paper, and the index is copious and apparently carefully prepared.

By Mr. Oliver B. Stebbins, of Boston.

*Gray Genealogy, being a Genealogical Record and History of the Descendants of John Gray, of Beverly, Mass.; and also including sketches of other Gray Families.*  
By M. D. RAYMOND, Tarrytown, N. Y. 1887. 8vo. pp. 316.

This book is somewhat different from the genealogical works we have usually been called to notice. It appears to be, generally, sketches of the various families bearing the name of Gray, of whom the compiler has made diligent search to obtain proper information, with their genealogies annexed. He has succeeded admirably. The Gray families, who are numerous in this country, are deeply indebted to Mr. Raymond for his researches in this direction. We sometimes hear it remarked by those who are not so much interested as we could wish, in these studies, of the dry bones of genealogy. We would not disparage, in the least, the labors of those who can give us names, only, and dates, and those correctly; in relation to individuals, that they were born and died, had parents and grandparents before them, and children to follow them, but not a word or a syllable to inform us what they did, or who they really were. All this is well in thousands of instances, where nothing more can be said of them; but we have always considered that family or compiler fortunate who could clothe the bones with flesh, and give us incidents and scenes in the lives of their connections and friends, incorporating biography and history, making the work, in an important sense, a book of examples to the young, the middle aged and the old, and to all who care to peruse it.

The work before us is an attractive one in other respects than its personal sketches. It contains more than thirty portraits of male and female members of the family, some of whom are still on the active stage of life, while others have passed away. We would mention one, the oldest in the book, that of Edward Gray, who, says the book, was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1673. This is more likely to be correct, than Bridgman, who calls it Lancashire.—See *Pilgrims of Boston*, 356, 357. Mr. Gray came to this country, it is stated, in 1686. He became a worthy merchant in Boston, leaving a good estate. His second wife was a niece of the Rev. Dr. Colman, of the Brattle Street Church. He died July 2,

1757, aged 84 years; was buried in the Granary burying ground, in his tomb near the gate. He was an ancestor of the Hon. Harrison Gray, Reverends Ellis, Thomas, D.D., Frederick Turrell, Dr. Thomas and others, gone, while many remain in our midst.

The Grays in the book are chiefly classified as of Beverly, Worcester, Yarmouth, Plymouth and Salem, Massachusetts; Sharon and Fairfield county, Connecticut; New Jersey, and other places; so that an index of families and not of individual members is given. There is, however, an index "of directly inter-married families and some others."

The author acknowledges his indebtedness to the library of our Society, for information in the development of his work.

By Mr. William B. Trask.

*A Genealogical and Historical Register of the Descendants of Edward Morris, of Roxbury, Mass., and Woodstock, Conn.* Compiled by JONATHAN FLYNT MORRIS. "Take ye the sum of all the Children of Israel after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names."—Numbers, i. 2. Published by the compiler, Hartford, Conn. 1887. 8vo. pp. xvii. 406.

This is quite an elaborate work, containing not only genealogical matter, but much, also, that is historical and biographical, relating to the family.

The first volume of Wills in the Suffolk Probate office, Boston, once contained, as we learn from the index, the will of Thomas Morris (there written Morrice), an early settler in Boston, who died as early as 1637. But the leaf which contained pages 17 and 18 of that record is gone. The original also is wanting. There may be nothing in existence to show the purport of that will. "There is no record extant," says the compiler, "of his arrival in this country, nor of the birth of any children, and probably there were none born here."

"From the correspondence of the names of many of the early settlers of Roxbury with the names on the records of Waltham Abbey and Nazing in the county of Essex in England, and the positive evidence that some of the Roxbury people came from those places and other places near by, and the connection of Edward Morris with some of these families, and the well-known fact that the Morrises were early and long established at Waltham Abbey, Nazing, and adjoining parishes, we have every reason to believe that Edward Morris came from the same neighborhood.

"On the registers of Waltham Abbey are these entries: 'Thomas Morris and Grissie Hewson, married August 24, 1629.' 'Edward Morris, son of Thomas Morris, baptized August 8, 1630.' Here as concerning these names, the record ends, and the name of Morris does not again appear until 1675.

"The compiler, in the absence of positive evidence that Thomas Morris, of Waltham Abbey, and Thomas Morris, of Boston, were one and the same person, is nevertheless disposed to accept the fact as sufficiently conclusive without waiting for the proof for which he is still in search and which he hopes to find."

Commencing with Edward Morris, his known ancestor, who was a member of the church of the Rev. John Eliot, of Roxbury, the compiler follows him to New Roxbury, now Woodstock, in Connecticut, of which place he was one of the founders in 1687, two hundred years ago. He was on the board of selectmen of the latter town, as he had, also, been long and faithfully in old Roxbury, in Massachusetts. He was soon made Lieutenant. The difficulties experienced during the Andros administration, in reference to land grants, was seriously felt by the settlers, and was a source of great annoyance and trouble to them. Mr. Morris was an important man in all duties that fell to his lot to perform, in relation to this and other matters, and ever faithful to his constituents. One of his last official acts was on the 31st of March, 1690.

The Morris family is traced for eight generations, taking in, also, some of the female branches, such as the Child, Morse, Comstock, Marcy and other families.

There are in the book ten autotype portraits, mostly of members bearing the name of Morris, including that of Prof. Samuel F. B. Morse, Calvert Comstock, and Gov. William L. Marcy, connected in the female line. The gravestones of Lieut. Edward Morris and of his son Dea. Edward Morris are represented by the same process, as, also, the Woodstock burying ground; the Bliss-Morris house in South Wilbraham, Mass.; the schooner "Mary Bright"; the ships "Constitution" and "Guerriere" of the war of 1812, and the "Merrimac" and "Cumberland" of the last war. The book is interspersed with anecdotes and reminiscences, which enliven the genealogical details, and at the same time furnish valuable historical data and information. There are several articles in the appendix, among which is

a brief account of the bi-centennial celebration at Woodstock, Conn., in September, 1886. The indexes are not alphabetically arranged, but are according to the several branches, generations and families. Married persons and heads of families in small capitals, children following.

Mr. Morris has given his family and the public a valuable book, and we hope it will be properly appreciated.

By Mr. William B. Trask.

*Carter.*—A *Genealogy of the Descendants of Samuel and Thomas, sons of Rev. Samuel and Thomas, sons of Rev. Samuel Carter. 1640-1886. A contribution to the History of the first Carters of Lancaster, Lunenburg and Leominster, Massachusetts.* Collected and arranged for the Carter Association by Mrs. CLARA A. CARTER, Leominster, Mass., and Mrs. SARAH A. CARTER, Fitzwilliam, N. H. Clinton: Printed by W. J. Coulter, Courant Office. 1887. 8vo. pp. 272.

We congratulate the members of the "Carter Association" that they are so fortunate as to have in their families two ladies, bearing their husbands' names, who are not only competent, but willing, to compile a book of a character so valuable as the work before us, which contains the result of their labors in behalf of one branch of the Carter Family in this country. Would it not have been well, however, to have furnished a biographical sketch of the Rev. Thomas Carter, of Woburn, the first minister of the town, and the head of the family in this country, of whom we have a good account in Sewall's History of Woburn, pages 18; 20-22; 124-127; and Johnson's "Wonder Working Providence," in which the latter closes up, as usual, with some lines, commencing—"Carter, Christ hath his wayes thee taught," etc.?

Brief sketches are given of the Sawyers and Joslins, who were connected with the Carter family. The genealogical arrangement of the families in the book is simple and clear. Its typographical appearance and good indexes are commendable.

By Mr. William B. Trask.

*A Genealogy of the Philbrick and Philbrook Families, descended from the Emigrant Thomas Philbrick, 1583-1667.* By the Rev. JACOB CHAPMAN, of Exeter, N. H. Exeter, N. H.: Printed by the Exeter Gazette Steam Printing House. 1886. 8vo. pp. 202. With a portrait of the Author. Price \$2; by mail, \$2.15.

Thomas Philbrick, the emigrant ancestor of most, if not all, of those who bear this name, in the various forms in which it has been or is now written, is supposed to have come from England in 1630, or not much later, and settled in Watertown, Mass. He is said to have been a mariner early in life, and to have been master of a vessel before he emigrated from Lincolnshire. His two sons removed to and settled in Hampton, N. H.: John in the year 1639, and Thomas in 1651; and he himself settled there at some time between the years 1643 and 1661. The father died in Hampton in 1667, and his wife Elizabeth in 1663. They had also Elizabeth, who married Thomas, son of Aquila Chase; Hannah; Mary, who married Edward Tuck, of Hampton; and Martha, who married John Cass, and was an ancestor of the Hon. Lewis Cass.

The family is quite numerous, and through marriage is related to many of the oldest families in Rockingham county, N. H., and other parts of that State and of Massachusetts. Like other families springing from the early settlers in New England, individuals bearing the name or descended from the emigrant are to be found in almost every section of the United States.

Rev. Mr. Chapman, the author of this volume, has devoted many years, in connection with his other valuable genealogical productions, to the preparation of this work. We have had repeated occasions to commend his labors for their accuracy and thoroughness; and we have no doubt that this, his latest, volume will prove equally worthy of confidence.

The volume is printed in an attractive style, and is furnished with complete indexes. We observe, also, that there are bound in at the end several sheets of ruled paper for the insertion of additions and corrections. This is to be commended.

By Mr. Albert H. Hoyt, of Boston.

*We and Our Kinsfolk. Ephraim and Rebekah Waterman Briggs. With a few Collateral Branches.* Edited by MARY BALCH BRIGGS. Boston: Beacon Press, Thomas Todd, Printers, 1 Somerset Street. 1887. 8vo. pp. viii. and 144.

Besides the persons mentioned above and their history, this volume introduces the families and something of the personal history of their sons: the Rev. Ephraim,

Jr. (H. U. 1791), who was ordained and settled at Chatham in 1796, and, after a successful ministry of twenty years, died in 1816; the Rev. William (H. U. 1794), who was settled first in Kittery, Me., and afterwards in East Bridgewater, Mass., where he died in 1858; the Rev. Isaac (B. U. 1795); Thomas, who died about the year 1796; the Rev. Richard (B. U. 1804), who settled in Mansfield in 1809, and died in 1837, and his wife Fanny Billings; the Rev. Charles (H. U. 1815), who after discharging pastoral duties for sixteen years, and for several years the office of secretary of the Unitarian Association, died in 1873; Dr. John Kingsbury, who took his degree of Doctor in Medicine at Brown University in 1820, settled in South Dedham, now Norwood, and died in 1843. Also of the daughters of the Rev. Ephraim and Rebekah W. Briggs, namely, Rebecca Briggs, wife of Col. Charles Holmes, of Kingston; Martha, wife of Zebadiah Thompson, Esq., of Halifax; and Mrs. Sarah, wife of Jabez Prior Thompson, of Halifax, who died while a member of the State Senate in 1852.

Following this history are twenty-two chapters devoted to "Our Ancestors and Cousins," in which are named members of the following families: Briggs, Deane, Goodwin, Haskins, Kingsbury, Andros, Morey, Lewis, Davis, Willard, Waterman, Bourne, Sturtevant, Christman, Allerton, Rickard, Cooke, Hopkins, Shurtleff, Lettis, Lothrop, Clarke, Ring, etc.

The illustrations are: a silhouette of Mrs. Rebekah Waterman Briggs, "Our Ancestral Rock" (an engraving), a page of John Lothrop's Bible (a photograph), and heliotype charts of ancestors of the Rev. Ephraim and the Rev. James Briggs and their wives.

The volume is handsomely printed and bound, and in all respects reflects much credit on the taste and patient research of the author.

*By Mr. Albert H. Hoyt.*

*A Contribution to the Bibliography and Literature of Newport, R. I., comprising a list of books published or printed in Newport, with notes and additions.* By CHARLES E. HAMMETT, JR., Newport, R. I. Providence: S. S. Rider. 1867. Quarto, pp. 185.

The author well says in his preface that "much of the history of a place may be found in its literature; and that of Newport is of special interest, from the fact that this town was the fourth in New England where a press was established, and the second from which a newspaper was issued." The compiler does not claim that this volume contains a complete bibliography of the books printed in Newport; but probably it is very nearly complete. At all events, it is a remarkable production, and cannot fail to be of great service to librarians and collectors. The text is clearly and handsomely printed on excellent paper. The notes and additions to the titles add greatly to the value of the work. The index is chronological.

*By Mr. Albert H. Hoyt.*

*Notes on the Surname of Hall.* Collected by GEORGE W. MARSHALL, LL.D. Exeter [England]: Printed by William Pollard & Co., North Street. 1887. Pamphlet. 8vo. pp. (4)+46.

In his preface, Dr. Marshall says: "These pages contain such of my notes on the surname of Hall as have not been printed by me elsewhere, and may be of some use to any person making a general search for the name. My object in collecting them was to trace out the descendants of the Halls of Sullington, Warnham and Horsham."

The calendar given in this pamphlet comprises a list of all the Hall wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury from 1383 to 1597. In some cases abstracts of these wills are given in foot notes, and opposite each name is a reference to the book in which the will is registered. The names of wives and children and other persons mentioned in these wills are also given, with due attention to dates and places of residence. The pedigrees of the Halls of Arksey, co. York, of Sullington and Horsham, and of London, are arranged in tabular form. The work is supplemented with an index of names and places.

The readers of the REGISTER are fully acquainted with the sterling quality of the genealogical and historical works of Dr. Marshall. All genealogical students are indebted to him for his extended and thorough researches.

*By Mr. Albert H. Hoyt.*

*A Genealogical Record of the Descendants of John Kelly, of Newbury, Mass.* Compiled by Mr. GILES M. KELLEY, of Haverhill, Mass. [To be had on application to Mr. Giles M. Kelley or Mr. Clarence E. Kelley, of Haverhill, Mass. Price, postpaid, \$3.50.]

This volume bears neither place nor date of publication; but we learn that it was published in Chicago, at the request and under the care of Messrs. Asa P. & David Kelly of that city. It is a volume of 154 octavo pages of text and indexes. The frontispiece is a copy of the coat of arms in the possession of Edward A. Kelly, Esq., of Boston; and there are also thirteen electrotype portraits of members of the family. The compiler states that he had made more than forty years ago a tolerably complete account of the first five generations, and that recently the work was resumed, and is made to cover the first eight generations of the family in America. This fact should give assurance that the work has been done neither carelessly nor in haste.

John Kelly, of Newbury, Mass., is supposed to have come to that place in 1633 from Newbury, England. The oldest family traditions assert that he was born in Exeter, county of Devon, and suggest a connection with some branch of a family which took the name of Kelleigh (subsequently Kelly) from the name of the parish in which it was established and held lands, and continues to this day. He became a land owner in Newbury as early as 1639, subsequently he removed to West Newbury about 1694. In the long and historic contest between the Rev. Thomas Parker and a portion of his church, Mr. Kelly was a steadfast supporter of his pastor. From this John of Newbury the numerous descendants have gone east, north and west, and some of them, under the name Kelly or Kelley, have achieved distinction in the learned professions or in vocations no less honorable and useful.

The compiler of this genealogy has rendered a valuable service.

By Mr. Albert H. Hoyt.

*History of the Wingate Family in England and America, with Genealogical Tables.* Compiled by CHARLES E. L. WINGATE. Published by James D. P. Wingate, Exeter, N. H. 1886. 8vo. pp. 293.

The Wingate family is of great antiquity in England. The first known individual of the family was Hemyng de Wyngate, lord of the manor of that name in the parish of Ellesborough, Buckinghamshire, now or recently known as the manor of Grave. His line is traced in this book down to about the middle of the 18th century, showing that there were several individuals who either held confidential offices under their sovereigns or sat in parliament: others were authors, magistrates, etc. The relationship between the Wingates of England and the Wingates of America has not thus far been ascertained. The first of the name in New England, it appears, was John, a planter at Hilton's Point, now Dover, N. H., as early as 1658; and he is supposed to have been born in England about the year 1636. It is not improbable, however, that he was born in Maine, and was left an orphan at an early age. His first wife was a daughter of Elder Hatevil Nutter, and his second was the widow of Thomas Canney. He became a considerable owner of land. His homestead was on Dover Neck, and it has remained in the possession of the Wingate family down to the present time. This John Wingate had his experience, like other planters of his day in New Hampshire, in the controversies and litigation which grew out of the claim of the heirs of Capt. John Mason. He made his will in 1683-4, and died in 1687. He had seven children, and of these only four are known to have left descendants, viz.: Anne, John, Joshua and Abigail. Joshua, known in the annals of New Hampshire as Captain Wingate, was a prominent citizen of Hampton, holding important civic and military offices. His eldest son was the Rev. Paine Wingate (H. U. 1723), the minister of Amesbury, Mass., from 1726 to his death in 1786. His second daughter, Mary, married Deacon Timothy Pickering, of Salem, and was the mother of Col. Timothy of the Revolutionary epoch. The Rev. and Hon. Paine Wingate, of Stratham, N. H., was a son of the Rev. Paine, of Amesbury. By inter-marriages the Wingates are connected with many of the leading families in New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts.

This is the first extended history of the family. The work, as far as it goes, is remarkably well executed, and in point of literary dress it has also much merit. It is to be hoped that the compiler, or some other member of the family, will be encouraged to prosecute the work until the link between the English and American Wingates is found. The volume is furnished with convenient indexes, and is handsomely printed. The illustrations are photographs of the homestead in Dover and Stratham.

By Mr. Albert H. Hoyt.



*Genealogy of the Descendants of James Breakenridge, who emigrated from Ireland, July, 1727.* Collected and arranged by CORNILEA A. GOULD, Ware, Massachusetts. Charles W. Eddy, Printer. January, 1887. 8vo. pp. 65.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society is indebted for a copy of this genealogy to the kindness of the Hon. William Hyde, of Ware, whose sketches of the early inhabitants of that town were published in 1847. James Breakenridge, the emigrant, came with other persons and settled in the forks of Chicopee River, on the Elbow Trail, under the claim of Joshua Lamb, of Boston. Most of the descendants now write the name Breckenridge, a form which, in the opinion of the compiler of this volume, does not convey the idea embodied in the original spelling. The family is not numerous, but already members of it are to be found in different States. The compiler began none too soon to collect the materials for this work. The volume is tastefully printed, and would be more useful if it had an index.

By Mr. Albert H. Hoyt.

*City of Vergennes.* By Hon. JOHN D. SMITH. Pamphlet, quarto, pp. 62, and supplement, 4.

*A Contribution to the History of the ancient Family of Woodbury.* By ROBERT S. RANTOUL. (Reprinted from the Historical Collections of the Essex Institute, vol. xxiv.)

*The Descendants of Edmund Weston, of Roxbury, Mass., for Five Generations.* By THOMAS WESTON, Jr., Esq., A.M. Boston: George L. Littlefield. 1887. 8vo. pp. 23.

*The Mayflower Town. An Address delivered at the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Duxbury, Mass., June 17, 1887.* By JUSTIN WINSOR. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1887. 8vo. pp. 35.

*The Odlin Family. Descendants of John Odlin, of Boston, in the Line of his Grandson, the Rev. John Odlin, of Exeter, N. H.* By JOHN TAYLOR PERRY, A.M., of Exeter, N. H. [1887.] 8vo. pp. 8.

*The American Genealogical Queries.* 1887. Newport, R. I. R. H. TILLEY. 1887. 8vo. pp. 27.

The first fifty-two pages of the pamphlet by the Hon. John D. Smith on the early history of Vergennes, Vermont, were gathered, as we are informed, for insertion in D. Mason & Co.'s History of Addison county. It is an interesting and valuable production, and gives evidence of the vast amount of patient labor involved in its preparation. If we exclude the City of Gorgeana, in Maine, chartered by Sir F. Gorges, Vergennes ranks as the third town in New England to receive legal incorporation as a city. The supplement contains biographical sketches of the prominent lawyers of Vergennes, now deceased.

Mr. Rantoul's paper, on the history of the Woodbury family, is a contribution of much merit to genealogical literature. The paper bears evidence of extended research into the early history of this family in England, and is a production of scholarly and literary ability. The pamphlet is prefaced with a likeness of the Hon. Levi Woodbury.

The next publication in the above list is a reprint from the REGISTER for July, 1887. As our readers will recall, the genealogy of the descendants of Edmund Weston is brought down to include the fathers and grandfathers of the descendants now living. From these data, succeeding generations will be able to trace their descent. The work is succinctly and accurately written.

Mr. Winsor's address on the 250th anniversary of the incorporation of Duxbury is an eloquent and very interesting discourse. Having written a history of the town, he is familiar with its annals. It is many years since his history of Duxbury was published. No one presumably is as competent as he to bring out a new edition of that work,—enlarged to take in the later history of the town.

The pamphlet on the Odlin Family, by Mr. Perry, is also a reprint from the July number of the REGISTER. It is a meritorious and useful production. In the present number of the REGISTER is an additional chapter of the Odlin Genealogy, by Mr. Perry, with corrections in the article previously published.

Mr. R. H. Tilley, of Newport, R. I., has begun the publication of an annual, designed to aid those persons who are engaged in collecting materials for family histories. Queries and answers on obscure points, the names and locations of historical societies, lists of published genealogies, and the names of persons engaged in genealogical inquiries, will make up the contents of this publication. We commend Mr. Tilley's enterprise to our readers.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, TO SEPT. 1887.

### I. *Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.*

The Boston Massacre. A. C. Goodell, Jr. Reprinted from the Boston Daily Advertiser, June 3, 1887. 8vo. pp. 11.

Memorial Day Address before Littlefield Post, G. A. R., at the Town Hall, Great Falls, N. H., May 30, 1887. By A. B. Wentworth. Boston: Press of T. R. Marvin & Son. 1887. 8vo. pp. 16.

### II. *Other Publications.*

Manitoba Historical and Scientific Society, Winnipeg. Annual Report for the year 1886-87. Annual Meeting, Feb. 8, 1887. Winnipeg, Manitoba: Press Print. 1887. pp. 12.

The Abolitionists Vindicated, in a Review of Eli Thayer's Paper on the New England Emigrant Aid Company. By Oliver Johnson, Worcester, Mass. The Worcester Society of Antiquity. 1887. U. S. A. CXI. 8vo. pp. 29.

Obituary Record of the Graduates of Yale University, deceased during the academical year ending in June, 1887,—including the record of a few who died previously, hitherto unreported. [Presented at the meeting of the Alumni, June 28, 1887.] [No. 7 of the third printed series and No. 46 of the whole record.] 8vo. pp. 351-411.

The Manuscript Sources of American History. An address before the American Historical Association, May 21, 1887, by the President, Justin Winsor, with the action of the Association thereon. New York. 1887. 8vo. pp. 34.

Annual Report of the Saint Paul Minnesota Chamber of Commerce for the year ending Dec. 31, 1886. Globe Job Office: D. Ramelet & Son, Printers. 1887. 8vo. pp. 48.

Speech of Señor Don Matias Romero, Mexican Minister at Washington, read on the 66th Anniversary of the birth of General Ulysses S. Grant, celebrated at the Metropolitan Episcopal Church of the City of Washington, on the 26th of April, 1887. New York: William Lowey, Printer, 85 Nassau Street. 1887. 8vo. pp. 16.

The Mayflower Town. An address delivered at the two hundredth and fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Duxbury, Mass., June 17, 1887. By Justin Winsor. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1887. 8vo. pp. 35.

Fund Publication No. 25. The National Medals of the United States. A paper read before the Maryland Historical Society, March 14, 1887. By Richard M. McSherry, of the Baltimore bar. Baltimore. 1887. 8vo. pp. 47.

Fund Publication No. 24. I.—Luther Martin the "Federal Bull Dog," by Henry P. Goddard. II.—A sketch of the life and character of Nathaniel Ramsey. By W. F. Brand, D.D. Baltimore. 1887. 8vo. pp. 60.

Biographical Sketch of the Centenarian, Mrs. Abigail Alden Leonard, of Raynham, Mass.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COL. CHESTER AND JOHN HARVARD.—There seems to be an impression in the minds of some people that the late Col. Joseph L. Chester, LL.D., D.C.L., made a special search for the ancestry of John Harvard. There is no evidence of this, and it is not probable that he did. At an early period in my correspondence with Col. Chester, I informed him of the mystery that surrounded the history of Harvard, and stated that none of our New England antiquaries had been able to learn any-

thing about his life in England, except that he was admitted a pensioner of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in 1628, was graduated A.B. in 1631, and took the degree of A.M. in 1635. Col. Chester promised to bear the name in mind. If he had made a special search for Harvard, I think he would have informed me while he was upon it. Early in 1881, having heard nothing further on the subject, I inquired, in one of my letters, whether he had found anything about Harvard. He replied, under date of April 20, 1881, as follows:

"As to John Harvard, I have carried about with me daily for many years a little bit of pedigree in the hope of being able to perfect it. I believe that I have the will of his father, a certain Robert Harvard, who described himself as of St. Saviour's, Southwark, Butcher. His will was dated 28th July, and proved 6th October, 1625, by his relict Catherine. He left three sons: 1, John; 2, Thomas; 3, Peter, neither of whom was then 21. So far I have been unable to trace the family further, but as it appears to be understood that John Harvard was born about 1608 or 1609, and in the neighborhood of London, and as the surname is of the rarest possible occurrence, I have always felt that this was the identical *John*. I cannot, however, yet prove it, and I dislike to put forward a mere theory. I hope to come upon further evidence some day."

The facts were evidently intended to be communicated to me confidentially, as other discoveries had been; but I informed Mr. Sibley and others interested in the history of Harvard College, that Col. Chester thought he had found a clew to the ancestry of John Harvard. I hoped that some one would feel interest enough in the subject to engage Mr. Chester's services to make a special search, but I was disappointed. After the death of my friend, I printed the extract in the REGISTER for July, 1882, p. 319.

All that I expected Col. Chester to do, and all that I suppose he did, was to make a memorandum or abstract of any record relating to the name of Harvard that he found in his special searches for his clients. How much he collected on the subject, I have no means of knowing; but it is probable that he had more evidence than the will of Robert Harvard, of Southwark, to induce him to say that he thought him the father of the founder of Harvard College. The wonderful and exhaustive researches of Mr. Waters, made in the last few years, have thrown a flood of light on the Harvard family. They have proved that Col. Chester's conjecture was correct.

JOHN WARD DEAN.

REV. RICHARD MATHER.—In the July number of the REGISTER for 1886, page 333, it was stated that "Rev. James Edwin Odgers wrote a pamphlet, which was published, concerning Richard Mather and his connection with Toxteth Park Chapel," where in 1618 Mr. Mather became the first settled minister. I have been informed by Mr. Odgers, that his "Mather paper, which was to have appeared in the transactions of the Lancashire Historical Society, before which Society it was delivered, was never printed. I was prevented," he says, "by a press of engagements, and then by illness, from giving the finishing touches; and certain papers, a genealogy, &c., which were important to me, I lent, and consequently lost."

WILLIAM B. TRASK.

OXFORD MATRICULATIONS, 1715-1886. Joseph Foster, Esq., editor of Col. Chester's Marriage Licenses, noticed in this number, has in preparation and will soon issue the Matriculations at the University of Oxford, from 1715 to 1886. See NOTES, etc., in this periodical, January, 1886. The work will be issued in four volumes, at a guinea a volume. The first volume is in press, and it is expected that it will be ready this autumn. Mr. Foster's reputation as an antiquary and a genealogist is a guarantee that his work on the volumes will be done in a thorough manner. Mr. Foster's address is 21 Boundary Road, Finchley Road, London, N. W. England.

ABBAY OF CLUNI.—It is proposed to publish by subscription, the entire series affecting England of the Charters and Record-Evidences of the Abbey of Cluni, from 1066 to 1534. These are to be arranged and edited, with notes and observations, by Sir G. Duckett, Bart. If a sufficient number of subscribers can be found, the work will be completed this autumn. If the records are found to make two volumes, the price will be 15s., in royal 8vo., with copious index; if in one volume, 12s. 6d.

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**REFERENCE TO THE DIGHTON ROCK.**—In a letter dated at Cambridge, Dec. 18, 1730, addressed to Sir Hans Sloane, are drawings of the inscriptions made by the writer with the Rev. Mr. Fisher and others. In it is the following:

"There was a Tradition current among ye Eldest Indians that there came a Wooden House (and Men of another Country in it) who fought ye Indians with mighty Success, &c. This, I think, evidently shows that this Monument was esteemed by y<sup>e</sup> oldest Indians not only very antique; but a Work of a different Nature from any of theirs." In another place he adds to the account, that "they slew yr Saunchim," that is, their sachem or chief. I do not remember to have seen this alluded to before.

JAMES PHINNEY BAXTER.

Portland, Maine.

**VISITATIONS OF DURHAM, for 1575, 1615 and 1666.**—Mr. Foster, whose address is given above, has in press the several Visitations made in his native county of Durham. Visitations were made in 1575 by Flower, in 1615 by St. George, and in 1666 by Dugdale. The book will be illustrated by coats of arms. Price, 2 guineas.

**GENEALOGIES OF THE PRINCIPAL ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILIES OF ENGLAND.**—This work is based on a manuscript compiled by Mr. Henry Maire, of Lartington (afterwards Sir Henry Lawson), assisted by Sir John Charles Brooke and Sir Ralph Bigland; now in the possession of Sir John Lawson, of Brough Hall, bart. It will be edited by J. Jackson Howard, LL.D., F.S.A., and H. Farnham Burke, F.S.A., Somerset Herald. It will be privately printed for subscribers only, and will be issued in parts, royal folio size, price £2 2s. a part. Each family history will be extensively illustrated by woodcuts of coats of arms, seals, autographs, fac-similes of charters, etc. Subscriptions received by Bernard Quaritch, 15 Piccadilly, London, W. England.

**THE SOUTHERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**—Mr. Robert A. Brock, who has filled the office of corresponding secretary of the Virginia Historical Society with distinguished ability and great usefulness for several years past, has recently been elected secretary of the Southern Historical Society, to succeed Dr. J. William Jones, who has removed from Richmond. All students of American history have long been indebted to Mr. Brock for his editorial labors on the publications of the Virginia Historical Society, for his own historical writings, and for his unfailing courtesy and constant services to his numerous correspondents. The Southern Historical Society is to be congratulated on this election.

A. H. H.

**GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think may be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from colleges or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of births, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

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Application for copies may be made to the authors as above, or to the editor of the N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register.

The editor of the REGISTER takes pleasure in calling the attention of its readers to the above announcement. The work will be a companion volume to the superb work which Prof. Salisbury compiled and had printed in 1885, a notice of which appeared in this periodical in 1886. Most of the families of the present volume, as of those of the former one, are among the most distinguished in New England. The long experience of Prof. and Mrs. Salisbury in antiquarian research, and their rare facilities for obtaining information, are an assurance that this work will be of the very highest value.

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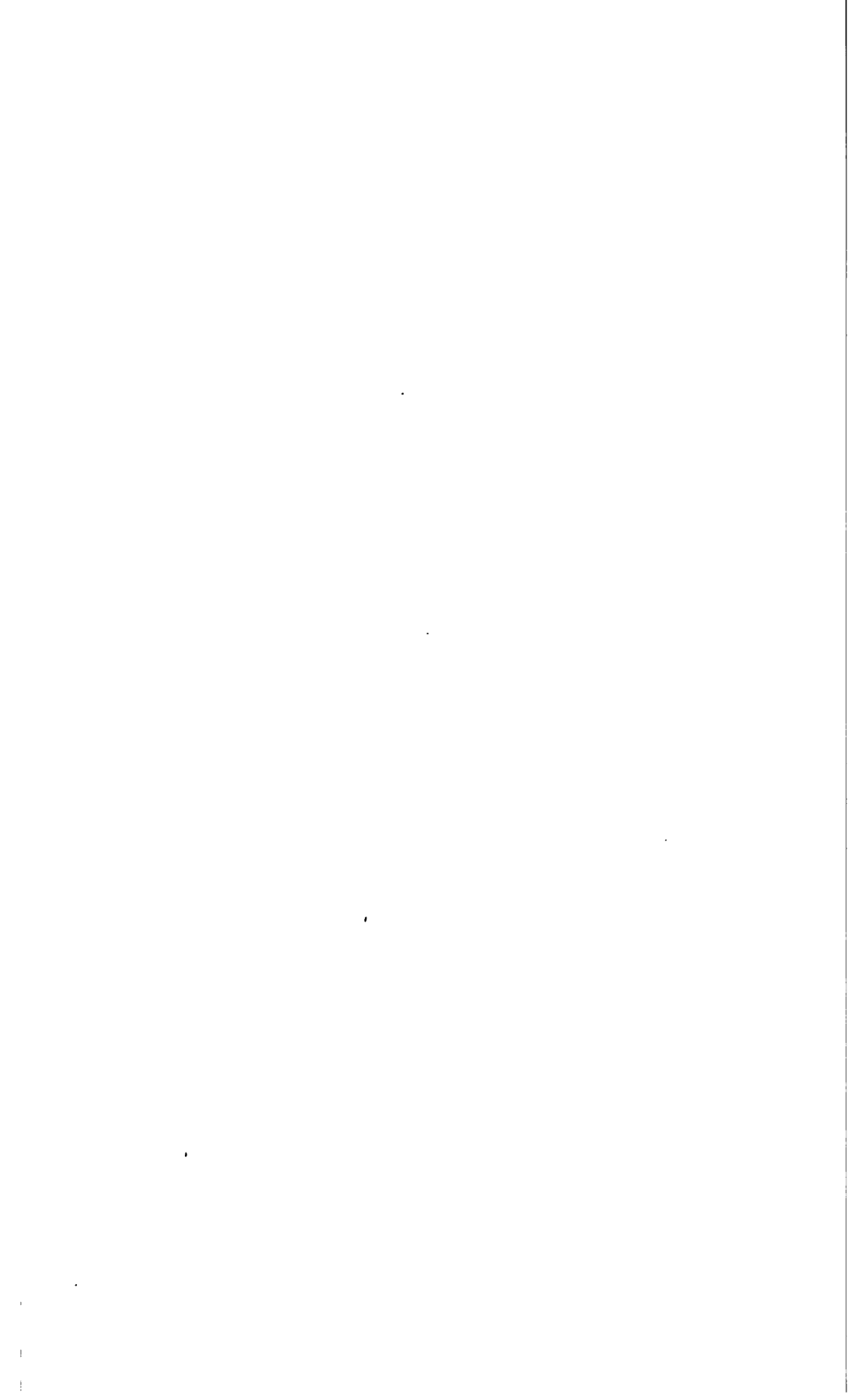
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*Edward Godfrey: His Life, Letters and Public Services, 1584-1664.* By CHARLES EDWARD BANKS, M.D. Privately Printed. 1887. Small 4to. paper, pp. 68, with Illustrations and Appendix.

The record of any individual prominently connected with the earliest colonial affairs of New England, cannot fail to excite our attention and command our respect; and more especially is this the case when the career of such person is but little known and has not been previously published. Any facts thus brought out are a distinct contribution, not only in a local but in a general sense, to our historical literature.

Such a work is the one under notice. It is a brief description of the life and public services of Governor Edward Godfrey, who held the highest executive office, as well as other positions of trust, in the Province of Maine when that section of New England was under the Gorgean charter. It is a work valuable not only for what it narrates but what it suggests. It narrates in a general way and with clearness, care and an appropriate citation of authorities, the acts and events transpiring in the colony founded by Sir Ferdinando Gorges, and of which Governor Godfrey was one of the principal promoters; and it suggests that a more detailed and public history of this colony would tend to set forth more clearly the somewhat complicated relations of Maine with the neighboring governments and throw light upon transactions which have hitherto remained obscure. The value of such a work would readily be appreciated.

The services of Governor Godfrey, on his visit to England in 1637, in defending the cause of Massachusetts against the demand of the Lords Commissioners for a surrender of the charter of that colony and for the appointment of a governor-general over all the New England settlements, were alike creditable to his sagacity and his magnanimity. Here was a man of a different religious belief, representing no

interests in common with those of the Puritan commonwealth and having much to gain from such an appointment, inasmuch as the feeble settlement which he represented would thereby be better protected, protesting successfully against this invasion of the rights of a neighboring colony opposed to his own in laws, customs and religion. It is yet an open question whether the appointment of a governor-general and the incorporation of all the petty colonies of New England into one large, compact and influential government, would not have worked eventually for the best interests of that section of England's possessions. The expense of conducting a single government would have been far less, the means of defence would have been greatly facilitated, and the great variety of conflicting laws, manners, customs and even religious beliefs might possibly have been gradually harmonized into one homogeneous whole. On the other hand, the political influence of New England as an independent section would not be so great in the national congress as it is at present with its six separate states.

Yet how were these services of Godfrey rewarded? It is not the pleasantest portion of the history of Massachusetts, the record of the treatment of this champion of her chartered rights by the old Bay colony. He had been chosen governor of the Province of Maine in 1649, and after an administration of three years, during which period the province had prospered, his government was taken from him by the colony he had befriended, and even his private property, secured to him by the Gorges charter, was wrested from him. The author gives a sad but interesting description of this loyal and generous man vainly but persistently struggling to recover his rights, and at length becoming a prisoner for debt. The transition from high official power to a prison is not an uncommon one in history, but when it is effected through no fault of the victim it becomes exceptional and rare.

Maine became thus a part of Massachusetts in 1652, and remained under the control of that colony, province and state, until 1820, a period of one hundred and sixty-eight years. No fair-minded reader can look upon this transaction otherwise than as a usurpation; and the most aggravating circumstance connected with it was that it was not proposed during the life-time of Sir Ferdinando Gorges, who could have defended his rights, nor in that of Governor Winthrop, whose sense of justice might have led him to oppose it, but was done when the province was powerless. It is true that a money value was afterwards paid for the territory to the Gorges heirs, but neither the rights nor the voices of the settlers were at any time regarded in the matter. It might be considered an act of retributive justice that Massachusetts had her own charter taken away some thirty years afterwards, and was reduced from the condition of a half independent colony with the power to elect her governors, to that of a province with the executive officers appointed by the crown.

The city of Gorgiana, or as it was often called, Agamenticus, is described by the author in an interesting manner. It was the first incorporated city in New England, and was organized in 1642 with a mayor, a board of twelve aldermen and twenty-four councilmen; the mayor appointed by the governor and the aldermen and councilmen "chosen annually by the free burgesses." It also seems to have been the capital of the province. This ancient city is now known as the old town of York, with but little left to indicate its former dignity and importance. An account of its early records may be found in the thirty-fifth volume of the REGISTER. The book is well printed on good paper, with copious notes. The illustrations consist of a representation of St. Michael's Church, Wilmington, County of Kent, England, and the Godfrey arms.

*By Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston, Mass.*

*The Pickering Genealogy.* By CHARLES PICKERING BOWDITCH, Esq., of Boston, Mass.

This work, which consists of descendants of John and Elizabeth Pickering of Salem, Mass., 1636, through their grandson Lieutenant John Pickering by his wife Sarah Burrill, is a very valuable addition to genealogical literature, embracing as it does many noted families, whose records are for the first time printed. The descendants of this couple are traced as fully in the female lines as in the male, and the work, as far as it goes, appears to be of a most exhaustive nature, probably more minute than any genealogy that has as yet been printed. The tabulated form, which is here adopted, is one which we do not remember to have seen before, but is admirably adapted to the character of this work. The lines of descent (eleven generations) are extended in the order of priority of birth, regardless of sex, the descendants of the first child being completed before the next is taken up. They are

arranged on broadsides 25 by 17 inches in size, which come in a port-folio. There are seventy of these, and among the numerous families represented are—Lee, Higginson, Mackey, Frye, Orne, Paine, Diman, Green, Prince, Millet, Goodhue, Peirce, Phippen, Henfield, Goodale, Ropes, Symonds, Nichols, Bowditch, Cabot, Goddard, Pickman, Lyman, Gardner, Williams, Lowell, Wingate, Dodge, Silsbee, etc.

Mr. Bowditch inherits Pickering blood in two lines, being descended from Joseph and Sarah (Pickering) Hardy through his grandfather Benjamin Ropes Nichols, and through his maternal grandmother Mary daughter of Col. Timothy Pickering of revolutionary fame. In the preface to his work Mr. Bowditch says that he has reached only the first stage, and that the general plan of the Pickering Genealogy is to print additional sheets, carrying out in the same manner the other descendants of the first John Pickering not yet traced. Again, to issue a book giving sketches of the individuals who are thus recorded, with statistical information as to size of families, length of life, birth of twins, preponderance of male or female children, etc., in the different generations; and further to trace the ancestry of the men and women who have married descendants of John Pickering. This would indeed seem a very arduous task, and if carried out, would be a work of the greatest value, not only as a genealogy but in a scientific point of view. Mr. Bowditch says the scope of the plan is so large that although he hopes at some time to complete it, it has seemed best at present to furnish certain parts at once, and take up the other later on.

It is to be hoped that this plan may be carried out.

Mr. Bowditch has given us a very fine index to the work, which embraces the christian as well as surname of every individual name on the sheets, printed in the beautiful manner for which John Wilson & Son of the University Press, Cambridge, is noted. This Index has an additional value from the characters attached to the names, which show the searcher whether the person was married, had children, died unmarried, etc.

We are almost sorry to see that the edition of this valuable work is so limited—only one hundred copies being printed. But the work has been of such a costly character, it was thought there would be but few who would care to take a copy at the seemingly large price (\$25) for which each copy is sold. This price, by the way, is very much below the actual cost.

It can be obtained of Mr. Harrison Ellery, Room 31, No. 28 State St., Boston, Mass.

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*Collections of the Bostonian Society, Vol. 1. No. 2. Abel Bowen.* By WILLIAM HENRY WHITMORE. Boston: Old State House. 1887. Royal 8vo. pp. 56+26. Price 75 cts. For sale by the Bostonian Society.

*Proceedings of the Bostonian Society. Eulogy on Samuel Miller Quincy.* By SAMUEL ARTHUR BENT. May 24, 1887. Boston: Old State House. 8vo. pp. 27.

The first of these two works is by William H. Whitmore, A.M., to whom the Bostonian Society owes its existence and its name. Abel Bowen, the subject of this pamphlet, was an engraver with antiquarian tastes. He introduced the art of wood-engraving into Boston, and was also an engraver on copper. He did much during his residence in this city to preserve views of the public buildings here in his day, most of which have now been demolished. He projected and published Snow's History of Boston, and was himself the author of several books on Boston, of which the "Picture of Boston" and "New Guide to Boston and Vicinity" may be named. Mr. Whitmore gives an interesting biography of Bowen, which is illustrated by some of his own engravings, printed from the original blocks and plates, with descriptive notices. The book is prepared in the thorough manner for which the author has deservedly a high reputation.

The second pamphlet is an able eulogy, delivered before the Bostonian Society, on Gen. Samuel M. Quincy, the first secretary and treasurer of that Society, and the first president of the Boston Antiquarian Club, which was the nucleus of the Bostonian Society. Gen. Quincy was one of the ten charter members of the present Society, and the second of these members who have died, the Rev. Dorus Clarke, D.D., being the first. Mr. Bent, in his eulogy, pays a fitting tribute to the talents and virtues of Gen. Quincy, and narrates his services as an officer in the war for the preservation of the Union, as a member of the Boston bar, as a legislator, and as a private citizen.

*L'Intermédiaire des Chercheurs et Curieux, Correspondance littéraire, Notes and Queries française, Questions et Réponses, Lettres et Documents inédits, Communications diverses.* Paris: Lucien Faucou. Directeur, 13 Rue Cujas. New York: John Delay, 13 Union Square.

The twentieth year of this bi-monthly has just closed; but its duty is by no means completed. So long as questions in French literature, history or science need ready and prompt replies, the value of this serial will be felt. Every year it publishes an amount of not less than a thousand columns of interesting and curious information. Questions and answers are inserted upon all topics, without the least distinction of politics or religion. In the last number, we observe the statement that the patronyme, Pernell or Parnell, originally Flemish, has long since disappeared from the continent, though surviving in England and Ireland, to-day.

The moderate price of this magazine, sixteen francs for twenty-four numbers, brings it easily within the reach of all interested in its objects and aims.

By George A. Gordon, A.M., of Somerville, Mass.

*Christianity the Key to the Character of Washington.* By PHILIP SLAUGHTER, D.D., Historiographer of the Diocese of Virginia. New York: Thomas Whitaker, 2 and 3 Bible House. 8vo. pp. 48. 1887. Third Edition.

"*The Culpeper Men.*" *Presentation of Flag, September 6th, 1887.* By Rev. P. SLAUGHTER, D.D. Culpeper, Va.: Exponent Print. 8vo. pp. 9. 1887.

The first edition of the first of these pamphlets by Rev. Dr. Slaughter was noticed by us in April last. It is a discourse delivered before the ladies of the Mt. Vernon Association at Pohick Church, Truro Parish, Fairfax County, Va., on the 30th of May, 1886. Concerning this work, the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop wrote to the author: "I have read it with satisfaction and delight. It confirms all my opinions of the character of Washington, and leaves no loop to hang a doubt upon that Christianity was the key to that character." We are glad to see a third edition of this discourse brought out in so handsome a form.

The second pamphlet contains the address of Rev. Dr. Slaughter on presenting, in September last, a flag to the "Culpeper Minute Men," and the reply to him of Judge Bell in behalf of that company. The venerable Dr. Slaughter is a son of Capt. Philip Slaughter, one of the original Culpeper Minute Men formed in 1775, who did good service in the Revolutionary War. Capt. Slaughter kept a journal, which unfortunately was lost from Dr. Slaughter's house during the late civil war. A duplicate of a few of the earlier pages is, however, preserved, giving an account of the formation of the company and some of its service in the field. The Culpeper Minute Men were dissolved in 1776, and the soldiers were merged in the militia, where they showed their spirit as patriots and soldiers. Another company with the same name was organized eighty-four years later, July 4, 1860; and in the late war they showed their bravery and their devotion to the cause they had espoused. Like its prototype this company had a brief separate existence. In 1879, however, a new company was formed, which still exists, and to this company the presentation was made. The addresses of Dr. Slaughter and Judge Bell are valuable additions to the military history of Virginia.

*The Curio, an Illustrated Magazine, devoted to Genealogy, Biography, Heraldry, Book-plates, Coins, Autographs, Rare Books, Works of Art, Old Furniture, Plate, and other Colonial Relics.* New York: R. W. Wright, Publisher, 6 Astor Place. Royal 4to. Price six dollars per annum; single copies 60 cents each. Vol. I. No. 1. September, 1887.

The advent of this magazine naturally attracts the attention of those interested in antiquarian subjects, which we are glad to say are occupying more and more the attention of the public. Besides the present interesting articles with its coterie of contributors, the future success of the undertaking will depend on the contributions from the most learned authorities, with whom we presume arrangements have already been made.

The present number is a large quarto size, of nice readable print, on good paper, containing forty-eight pages. The prospectus for the year is encouraging with its variety of subjects, which will naturally interest the specialist as well as the general reader.

One of the first subjects under consideration is on American families of European descent. It would have been better to start alphabetically instead of beginning with the letter M, which is represented in this number by the Montgomeries.

The next on the programme will be attractive to those interested in heraldry, viz. : the publication of a series of original documents emanating from Heralds' College, the Ulster and Lyon offices, as well as continental sources.

The first contribution on Book-Plates and their Engravers appears in this number. This article is, comparatively speaking, a fresh subject on this side of the Atlantic, and comes from the pen of the possessor of one of the best collections of American book-plates, who is known to the readers of the REGISTER by his contribution of articles on the same subject to its pages.

Reviews on rare old books can be made entertaining, and early publications on American subjects are scarce even here, but on general subjects the libraries of the old world could be searched to great advantage in the interest of this periodical.

The first of the series of Studies of the Seals of our Royal Governors appears in this number, beginning with Petrus Stuyvesant and Thomas Dongan.

Besides the subjects already enumerated, articles will appear on Colonial Customs, Ancient and Modern Art, all attractive topics. These with the Notes and Query department (which has proved in other instances a valuable source for acquiring information) will make this periodical quite an addition to those already in the field, and we sincerely hope it will merit a good share of the attention of the reading world.

Since the above was written, three more numbers have been published, filled with a similar variety of attractive matter.

By A. D. Weld French, Esq., of Boston.

*Life and Writings of Elisha North, M.D.* By his grandson, H. CARRINGTON BOLTON, Ph.D. Author's Edition. 1887. 8vo.

This is a memoir read before the New London County Medical Association, April 7, 1887. It was printed in the third volume of the Transactions of the Connecticut Medical Association, from which volume this reprint has been made. Dr. North was a physician of high standing in Connecticut, who was born at Goshen, Jan. 8, 1771, and died Dec. 29, 1843. The pamphlet before us gives an interesting account of his life and writings.

He was one of the earliest physicians in this country to practise vaccination. His first patients were vaccinated in the summer of 1800, only a few weeks after Dr. Waterhouse, of Cambridge, had used vaccine matter, which he had received from England, on his children and others. Dr. North's experiment, with matter obtained in New Haven, was like that of Dr. Waterhouse, successful. He vaccinated three persons, two of whom were children. The children went through the regular process of vaccination, but the virus failed to infect the adult.

It is claimed by Dr. North that he introduced "the kine pock for the first time into the city of New York. This was done," he says, "in April, 1801, by the agency of a Mr. Hunt. Mr. Hunt visited New York on his own business, while he had the kine pock in his arm, and that too in the right stage for taking matter. Mr. Hunt at my request called on Dr. Edward Miller, who vaccinated others from his arm. I vaccinated Mr. Hunt from the arm of a little girl."

*The Opening, the Use, and the Future of our Domain on this Continent. An Address delivered before the New York Historical Society on its Eighty Second Anniversary, Tuesday, November 16, 1886.* By GEORGE E. ELLIS, D.D., LL.D., President of the Massachusetts Historical Society. New York: Printed for the Society. 1887. 8vo. pp. 34.

This address is interesting and instructive. It is thoughtful, and has valuable comments and wise suggestions in regard to our future course as a nation. Dr. Ellis places much reliance on old maps and such fragments of information as history has handed down to us. They are useful in showing the successive stages in our history. And here let us say, that we can hardly over-estimate the value of the work which our historical and antiquarian societies have done and are doing in preserving data for future use. The members of these societies have by patient and unremunerative toil done much during the last generation to preserve matter that would otherwise have been lost or have become inaccessible. In our haste to bring about visible tangible results, we are apt to forget the rich heritage of the past. The present tendencies of thought are likely to prove misleading unless duly conditioned by the results arrived at by the great minds of those who have gone before.

Dr. Ellis, in treating the third and last point of his theme, says: "We have cast back a retrospect through nearly four hundred years. Dare we cast the horoscope of four hundred years in prospect?" Some say we must look to an ever growing, ever expanding science to make our foundations secure. This may be true, so long as science keeps within her proper sphere, but she can never take the place of the divine religion which is our most precious possession. True science reverently leads up from nature to nature's God, and is compatible with revealed religion, but there are many false sciences abroad to-day. Moral qualities, religious aspirations are far above the reach of any mere scientific test. Can we submit them to a chemical analysis? No, but we know that they are eternal verities. The sphere of science is in the material world of matter, not in the higher realm of the spirit.

*By the Rev. Daniel Rollins, of Pittsfield, N. H.*

*A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, containing the Records of Boston Selectmen 1736 to 1742.* Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers. 1886. 8vo. pp. 399.

*A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, containing the Boston Town Records 1758 to 1769.* Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers, 1886. 8vo. pp. 344.

*A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, containing the Select men's Minutes from 1742-3 to 1753.* Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers. 1887. 8vo. pp. 330.

These volumes are the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth reports of the Boston Record Commissioners. The previous volumes are, First Report, 1876, containing early tax lists and other matters; Second Report, 1877, Boston Town Records, 1634 to 1658, and the Boston Book of Possessions; Third Report, 1878, Charlestown Land Records, 1638 to 1802; Fourth Report, 1880, Records of Dorchester, 1633 to 1654; Fifth Report, 1880, N. I. Bowditch's Gleaner articles relating to the history of estates lying on or around Beacon Hill; Sixth Report, 1881, Roxbury Land and Church Records; Seventh Report, 1881, Boston Town Records, 1660 to 1701; Eighth Report, 1883, Boston Town Records, 1700 to 1728; Ninth Report, 1883, Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, 1630 to 1699; Tenth Report, 1886, Miscellaneous Papers, including reprints of the two earliest Boston Directories, 1769 and 1796; Eleventh Report, 1884, Boston Selectmen's Records, 1701 to 1715; Twelfth Report, 1885, Boston Town Records, 1729 to 1742; Thirteenth Report, 1885, Boston Selectmen's Records, 1716 to 1736; Fourteenth Report, 1885, Boston Town Records, 1742 to 1757.

It will be seen that the Commissioners have now printed the entire town records of Boston from 1634 to 1769, and the Selectmen's records from 1701 to 1753, besides other records of the original town of Boston and those which have been annexed to it. Several of the early reports have been reprinted, but we think no material changes have been made in these reprints, except in those of the second and fourth reports. The first part of the second report was issued in 1881, and we know of no material changes in it. The reprint of the second part of the second report, namely, the Book of Possessions, issued 1882, contains a reduced copy of the Plan of early Boston compiled by Mr. George Lamb, several years ago, and now in the possession of the Boston Public Library. The several sections of the map are also reproduced separately, and are accompanied by illustrative notes by Mr. Whitmore, the chairman of the commission. The reprint, 1883, of the fourth report, the records of Dorchester, is from a carefully prepared copy by Mr. William B. Trask, and contains many and important corrections.

The tenth report, though not issued till 1886, was authorized by the Aldermen of Boston, October 2, 1882, and the stereotyping of the work was then commenced.

Another valuable work, of which a small edition was printed by the city under the supervision of Mr. Whitmore, was issued in September last. It is a fac-simile reprint of the volume of Massachusetts Colonial Laws, published in 1672, with all the known supplements to the year 1686. It is contemplated to reprint a fac-simile of the volume of 1660, with the Supplements to 1672. Of the first edition of the Laws, that of 1648, no copy is known to be in existence.

We cannot appreciate too highly our indebtedness to the Commission.

*History of the Town of Medford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, from its First Settlement in 1630 to 1855.* By CHARLES BROOKS. *Revised, Enlarged, and brought down to 1885.* By JAMES M. USHER. Boston: Rand, Avery & Company. 1886. 8vo. pp. 592. Cloth. Price \$5. Address Hon. James M. Usher, West Medford, Mass.

This large and handsome volume adds another to the rapidly increasing number of excellent and reliable town histories. The work of Mr. Brooks, published in 1855, which had become very rare, has in this volume been greatly enlarged, brought down to the present time, and beautifully illustrated, resulting in a model history of the town.

A view of Medford Square forms the frontispiece, and an unusually large number of fine portraits and pictures of public and private buildings enrich the pages. The ancient Cradock house, built in 1634, believed to be the oldest building standing in New England, and other historical structures, are included. The story of the civil, religious and military life of old Medford is presented in a most attractive manner, and there are copious extracts from the records, especially those of the earlier period. Medford was incorporated in 1630, and is therefore one of the most ancient towns in Massachusetts, but unfortunately the town records for the first forty years were lost, and Mr. Brooks had to replace them as best he could from the State archives, and other sources.

Medford was the birth-place and home of the distinguished revolutionary officer and patriot, John Brooks, who was first elected Governor of the Commonwealth in 1816, and served for seven years. The sketch of his life is accompanied by numerous other notices of prominent and respected citizens, who were natives or residents of the town.

The natural history of the locality has its place in the volume, and the social and business organizations and enterprises occupy well assigned space.

The genealogies fill sixty-six pages, and were prepared for Mr. Brooks by William H. Whitmore, the well known and trusty genealogist. The book is printed in the best manner, and Mr. Usher is entitled to the gratitude of all persons appreciating New England for this history of Medford, founded upon the valuable work of Mr. Brooks, but containing a large amount of original matter carefully prepared by Mr. Usher, and the whole faithfully edited by him.

By George K. Clarke, LL.B., of Needham.

*History of Methodism in Maine.* 1793—1886. *Published with the approval of the Maine and East Maine Conferences.* By Rev. STEPHEN ALLEN, D.D., of Maine Conference, and Rev. W. H. PILSBURY, of East Maine Conference. Augusta: Press of Charles E. Nash. 1887. 8vo. pp. 650+282.

The author of the first part of this volume truly remarks that "the advent of Methodism in Maine forms an important epoch in the religious history of the State." It is a little less than a hundred years ago that Rev. Jesse Lee of Virginia came here and preached the first Methodist sermon ever preached in Maine, and now this denomination is numerically much stronger than any other in the State, and has a corresponding influence in religious affairs. The volume before me, a thick octavo, opens with a brief account of the people of Maine, one hundred years ago, describes their character and condition with special reference to religious matters, gives an account of the planting of Methodism with interesting sketches of the early workers in this field—Lee, Wager, Hall, Mudge, Hull, Taylor, Soule and others, and then tells the whole story of the marvellous spread and subsequent growth of the denomination, bringing the history down to the present time. The first six hundred and fifty pages are devoted to the Maine Conference, which, down to 1847, included the entire State. Rev. Dr. Allen, the author of this portion of the work, graduated from Bowdoin College in 1835, and, as Principal of Maine Wesleyan Seminary, Financial Agent of Maine Wesleyan Board of Education, preacher and Presiding Elder, he has been closely identified with the denomination for nearly half a century. He is a ripe scholar, a ready and graceful writer, and has admirably accomplished the work upon which he has long been engaged. It is well arranged, properly indexed, and contains, in addition to the concise history of the Methodist denomination in Maine, biographical sketches of a large number of preachers, and is embellished with thirty-three portraits and views.

The history of the East Maine Conference is arranged essentially after the same plan as the first part. It opens with a sketch of Early Methodism in that portion of the





With such a vast accumulation of references, as Mr. Phillimore proposes to give, there should be no insuperable obstacle to the writing of any reliable family history even where the family itself has not been prominent in its country's annals—nor need a family be prominent to make such a task interesting, where the motive is as much that of the *Ethnologist* as of the more restricted *Herald*.

The Index Library is published monthly, at what must be called a moderate price, for no less than 70,000 references are promised in the course of the year, for, what is practically a nominal sum. The first part, which is now before us, contains the initial portion of the "Chancery Proceedings of Charles I.," "Signet Index" from 1584 (forming a key to the Patent Rolls), and, lastly, "The Royalist Composition Papers;" while, in the February part, we are promised the first instalment of the Wills of Northamptonshire and Rutland, the district with which the families of Washington and Garfield were connected. Though this alone means much, the editor promises still more if the enterprise meets with only adequate support.

The undertaking practically brings the contents of the various record depositories within the reach of the general public.

The work is clearly printed, with, at the same time, the utmost economy of space—points which are of the highest importance in a work meant for frequent reference.

The work is certainly, at least, of equal value to Americans as to Englishmen, and every student of family history must cordially wish it success.

*By Major J. H. Lawrence-Archer, London, Eng., Hon. Sec'y Royal Oriental Order.*

*York Deeds. Book I. Portland: JOHN T. HULL. 1887. 8vo. pp. 76+409+160. Price \$5.*

Down to A.D. 1760, the county of York included the entire district of Maine, and all its deeds and many of its other legal documents are embraced in the York County Records. The volumes containing them are kept at the Register of Deeds office in Alfred, and are much worn, the writing is much faded and difficult to decipher. The importance of preserving these valuable records by having them carefully copied and printed, has long been realized, and the subject has several times been called to the attention of the Maine Legislature. In March, 1883, mainly through the instrumentality of Mr. John T. Hull, of Portland, aided by a committee of the Maine Historical Society, the Legislature passed a resolve in favor of the publication of the early records of the State in the registry of deeds for the County of York, placing the matter in charge of the Maine Historical Society. The Society, through its Standing Committee, immediately assigned all the rights conferred by the resolve to Mr. John T. Hull, reserving only the right to superintend the copying and printing of the records. Mr. Hull subsequently assigned his interest to Messrs. Brown Thurston & Co., of Portland, who are the real publishers and responsible parties in the transaction.

To represent the Maine Historical Society, the Standing Committee appointed Mr. Hobart W. Richardson, of Portland, a gentleman of education and culture, an editor and publisher by profession and well versed in the early history of the State. The preface and introduction to this volume, written by Mr. Richardson, amply justify the choice made by the Committee for this difficult and responsible duty. The Committee also authorized the employment of Mr. Wm. M. Sargent, of Portland, a lawyer and conveyancer by profession, a careful and painstaking student of local history, and familiar with the chirography of the early recorders, to prepare the copies for printing, from the old and time-stained volumes in the archives of York. The first volume of the series is the one before me, and it more than fills my expectations and hopes. The work is admirably done in every respect. The preface and introduction occupy the first seventy-four pages. Then follows the certificate of accuracy from Justin M. Leavitt, Esq., the present Register of Deeds for York County. One page of *errata* comes next, followed by Part First of York Deeds. The plan of the Suffolk Deeds, which the Resolve of the Legislature established as a model, has mainly been followed. The index of grantors and grantees, as well as the general index, are all complete. Nice new type cast for the purpose has been used, and the volume is a model of typographical neatness, and handsomely and substantially bound. By act of the Legislature, these records, when properly certified and printed, are to be admitted as evidence in all the courts of the State of Maine, and as most of the titles to real estate are based upon the early York deeds, it will be a great convenience to parties in interest. The remaining three volumes are well in hand and will be issued in due time.

*By Wm. B. Lapham, M.D., of Augusta, Me.*

*A Collection of New Hampshire Registers, with Note and Comment thereon.* By JOSEPH A. STICKNEY. Great Falls, N. H.: Fred. L. Shapleigh, Book and Job Printer. 1887. 18mo. pp. 37.

The present volume is a valuable addition to the bibliography of New Hampshire. Mr. Stickney, of Great Falls, has long been known as a collector of New Hampshire Registers, and the possessor of original editions of some of the rarest volumes. He has here preserved the titles of all the Registers known to have been printed,—and it is not probable that any have been printed which are not extant,—and has added to them bibliographical descriptions and annotations derived from a personal inspection of the books themselves. He has been careful to give precise information, and must have spent a great deal of time in compiling this book. Besides a list of the New Hampshire Registers, he furnishes a list of Registers published out of the State, which contain statistics of New Hampshire, the earliest being Mein and Fleeming's Register for 1768.

The earliest New Hampshire Register is that for 1772. Four copies of the original edition of this Register are extant, one of them being owned by Mr. Stickney and another by the Hon. John Wentworth of Chicago. It has been reprinted. Ten other Registers were published in the eighteenth century, namely, 1767, 1768, 1769, 1791, 1795, 1796, 1797 (two Registers, one printed at Dover and the other at Exeter), 1798 and 1800. Since then one Register has appeared every year and sometimes two. It will be remembered that the Hon. John Wentworth, in 1834, presented to the New England Historic Genealogical Society a set of this work, elegantly bound, containing a Register for every year to that time.—(See REGISTER, xxxix. 131.)

*Maine Wills. 1640–1760.* Edited with Notes by WILLIAM M. SARGENT, A.M., of the Cumberland Bar. Portland: Brown Thurston & Co. 1887. 8vo. pp. xii. +953. Price \$5.

This volume of 950 octavo pages does great credit to Mr. Sargent's enterprise and diligence, and is a noticeable evidence of that taste for historical study which has been growing of late throughout the country. This book, so ably edited, will be valuable to all historical students for reference, and it should find a place in every student's and collector's library; nor will it be found uninteresting to persons not students, but who have a fancy for " quaint and forgotten lore." For in this book of Wills may be found scores of scraps which read strangely in our brighter and freer day. Often extremely pathetic are some of these items, and they reveal a great deal of the domestic life of the times in which they were penned, as the last words of departing men.

The book is noticeably low in price for one so voluminous, and one can hardly understand how it can be afforded for the sum asked.

By James Phinney Baxter, A.M., of Portland, Me.

*Massachusetts Agricultural College. Addresses delivered at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, June 21, 1887, on the 25th Anniversary of the Passage of the Morrill Land Grant Act.* Amherst, Mass.

This pamphlet contains three addresses, delivered last summer at the Agricultural College in Amherst, Mass. The first, a " Memorial Address," is by Charles Kendall Adams, LL.D., president of Cornell University; the second address is by Hon. Justin S. Morrill; and the last, an " Historical Address," is by the Hon. Charles G. Davis. They commemorate the passage by Congress of the Land Grant Act, June 19, 1862, of which act, Hon. Justin S. Morrill, who was present on this occasion and delivered one of the addresses, was the author. The act, which was signed by President Lincoln, July 2, 1862, led to the formation of agricultural colleges in Massachusetts and several other States of the Union. The late Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, in an address before the Norfolk Agricultural Society, Feb. 7, 1849, broached the idea of an agricultural college, and persistently advocated it on every proper occasion, till on the 29th of April, 1862, he had the satisfaction of seeing an act for the incorporation of the Massachusetts Agricultural College signed by Gov. Andrew, with his own name at the head of the incorporators.

These addresses give a history of the efforts to improve agriculture, and particularly of the Morrill Land Grant Act and the establishment of the Agricultural College in this State.

*La Casa Gravina cenno e tavolo genealogiche.* Per VINCENZO PALIZZOLO GRAVINA, Barone di Ramione, Gran Croce e Cavaliere di più ordini, Censore e Consultore della R. Accademia Araldica Italiana, Corrispondente della Consulta Araldica d'Italia, del Collegio Araldico di Francia, delle Società Araldiche dei Paesi Bassi, Socio e Presidente Onorario di molte insigni Accademie Scientifiche e Letterarie &c. &c. Palermo: Typographia dell' Armonia. 1887. Paper, 32 pp. folio, Super Royal.

These handsomely printed sheets place on record, in convenient form, the line of descent of the noble house of Gravina, in Naples and other parts of Italy, through nine principal branches, from its founder, a kinsman and companion of the sons of Tancred d'Hauteville. The tables are preceded by an able and comprehensive monograph, from the learned editor, upon the history and achieved honors of his family. The work is accompanied and illustrated by a blazon of the arms of Gravina, handsomely lithographed in colors by Cinqueman, of Palermo. The elegance of the paper, the style of the printing and the amplitude of the page render this brochure worthy the commendation of the finest taste and the most cultivated understanding.

By George A. Gordon, A.M., Somerville, Mass.

*Proceedings at the Celebration of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Dedham, Massachusetts, September 21, 1886.* Cambridge: University Press. 1887. 8vo. pp. 214.

As we examine this volume we are impressed with the care and accuracy with which it has been prepared, and we think it would be extremely difficult to collect a more perfect and detailed account of any event than the story of this celebration as told in the handsome publication before us. Dedham is the mother of many thriving towns, whose citizens gladly joined in the observance of her birth-day, and the presence of the governor of the commonwealth and many distinguished men, together with military and other organizations from various places, all combined to make that beautiful autumn day memorable in the annals of Norfolk County.

The book contains an excellent description of the procession in the morning, and careful reports of the exercises and speeches at the church in the middle of the day, and at the grand dinner in a large tent on Richards Field in the afternoon. The historical address of Erastus Worthington, Esq., at the church, is interesting and valuable, and the report of the committee on Historic Tablets and Monuments is rich in important antiquarian matter.

At a town meeting held April 4, 1887, a committee was appointed, and money appropriated, to print these proceedings, and later Messrs. Henry O. Hildreth and Winslow Warren were chosen a sub-committee to prepare and print this volume, which reflects the greatest credit upon them and upon all the citizens of the old town of Dedham, a town which in age and historic associations has but few equals in New England.

The frontispiece is a photograph of the first page of the covenant adopted at the first recorded meeting of the Dedham Proprietors, August 18, 1636, and illustrates the curious hand-writing of Edward Alleyn, the first town clerk of Dedham.

By George K. Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.

*The East Anglian, or Notes and Queries on Subjects connected with the Counties of Suffolk, Cambridge, Essex and Norfolk. Issued Monthly.* Edited by the Rev. C. H. EVELYN WHITE, F.S.A., F. R. Hist. S., Vicar of Christ Church, Chesham, Bucks. Ipswich: Pawsey and Hayes, The Ancient House, New Series, Vol. II., December, 1887. Part XXXVI. 8vo. Annual Subscription, payable in advance, 5 shillings, post free.

In January, 1885, the Rev. Mr. White, then of Ipswich, in Suffolk, England, commenced the publication of a monthly periodical, devoted to historical, antiquarian and genealogical matters relating to the four eastern counties—Suffolk, Cambridge, Essex and Norfolk. A similar periodical under the title of the *East Anglian* was commenced in January, 1859, more than a quarter of a century previous, by the late Samuel Tymms of Lowestoft, and subsequently of Bury St. Edmunds. Mr. White decided to give his work the same title and to make it a second series of that work. One volume of twenty-four parts of this second series has been completed, and the number before us is the twelfth part of a second volume.

The work is ably edited and contains a great variety of historical, antiquarian and genealogical matter which will interest American as well as English readers. The four English counties to which the *East Anglian* is devoted have a particular interest for the people of New England, as many of our settlers came from that region.

*After Fifty Years. Semi-Centennial of the Oxford Democrat. History of the Paper from the First Issue, with Sketches of its Editors, Publishers, etc.* By WM. B. LAPHAM, M.D. Paris, Maine: Printed at the Oxford Democrat Office. 1886. 12mo. pp. 35.

Dr. Lapham, of Augusta, Me., the author of this pamphlet, is a native of Paris, Me., where the *Oxford Democrat* is printed, and besides is the author of an excellent history of that town. This history of a country newspaper for half a century preserves much of the political and social history of that section of the State of Maine, and the biography of many of its prominent citizens, some of whom have made a record in the affairs of the State and nation.

*The Archives of Andover.* By the Rev. C. COLLIER, M.A., F.S.A., and the Rev. R. H. CLUTTERBUCK. Part I. Andover: J. C. Holmes. 8vo. pp. 20.

The records of the town of Andover, England, date back to a very early period, and are unusually numerous and of the highest genealogical value. Amongst them may be mentioned the "manalogium" books, being minutes of the meetings "morghespeeke" of the early town council and also the guild rolls on which are entered the admissions of the freemen from the thirteenth century. An effort is now being made to render them generally accessible by means of the printing press, in which good object the editors are seconded by the liberality of Henry Hammans, Esq., a gentleman who is resident in the neighborhood of Andover. The present instalment consists of a fragment of the early church wardens' accounts, found amongst the town records. It covers the years 1470-73. The name "church wardens accounts" sufficiently indicates its nature, which from its early date is of considerable interest. It is well printed, the transcript has been carefully made, and there is a good descriptive introduction. We think, however, that it would be better to indicate gaps in the manuscript by brackets rather than by blanks.

We trust that sufficient encouragement on both sides of the Atlantic will be forthcoming to go on with the work, which is one that Americans will appreciate, for the town of Andover sent a large number of early settlers to its American namesake in Massachusetts.

By W. P. W. Phillimore, M.A., B.C.L., of London, England.

*In Memory of John B. Moreau.* 16mo. pp. 12.

*Biographical Sketch of John Bostwick Moreau, Esq., the Originator of "The Bradford Club."* By JOHN WARD DEAN. 8vo. pp. 4.

The first title is that of an interesting biographical sketch of Mr. Moreau of New York city, by his friend Benson J. Lossing, LL.D., the well-known author. The sketch was prepared for the New York Historical Society, of which Mr. Moreau was an active and efficient member. It is here prefaced by the action of the society, May 4, 1886, on the reception of this memorial notice. Mr. Moreau collected and edited for the Bradford Club, an association which was organized by him, the famous Croaker poems which Halleck and his friend Drake contributed to the *Evening Post* and other New York newspapers in the early part of this century. He also compiled two Shakespeare calendars illustrating events in New York history, which were noticed by us in July, 1882.

The second pamphlet is a reprint from the REGISTER.

*Bibliography of Manchester, N. H. A Collection of Books, Pamphlets and Magazines from 1748 to 1885—One Hundred and Forty-Two Years.* Second Edition, with Additions. Preserved by S. C. GOULD, Cor. Sec. N. H. Press Association. Part I. Manchester, N. H.: S. C. & L. M. Gould, Publishers. 1885. 8vo. pp. 60.

We have for many years known Mr. Gould as a zealous collector of books relating to New Hampshire, and particularly to Manchester in that state. The present pamphlet gives the titles of his remarkable collection relating to Manchester, numbering over 1650 works, which he has been more than twenty years in gathering.

The catalogue was made for Mr. Gould by Mr. John W. Moore, a veteran printer, publisher and editor. It comprises the book and pamphlet literature of Manchester, including some of the leading magazines and other serials. "It contains the published literary efforts of former and present residents, whether native or temporary, whether published during or prior to their residence here or subsequent to their departure; also all works published by or relating to the city. The cata-

logue also includes more or less literature relating to Bedford; together with some works relating to Londonderry and Derry, of which towns Manchester was formerly a part."

Mr. Gould's collection should find a place in the Public Library of Manchester, so that it may not be dispersed at his death. We know of only one other person who has made a collection of the literature of the town he resides in, and that is Mr. James F. Hunnewell, whose Bibliography of Charlestown was noticed by us in January, 1882. The examples of Messrs. Hunnewell and Gould should incite others to do a similar work for their own towns; and we would particularly recommend to the librarians of our many New England town libraries, to make such a collection and appropriate an alcove or two to it.

*A History of the Clapboard Trees or Third Parish, Dedham, Mass., now the Unitarian Parish, West Dedham. 1736—1886.* By GEORGE WILLIS COOKE, recently Minister of the Parish. Boston: Geo. H. Ellis. 1887. 8vo. pp. 139. Price \$1.

This is a remarkably well written history of this parish, and contains much that is of more than local interest and value. The portraits, maps, and other illustrations add greatly to it, and the volume presents an attractive appearance. Rev. Mr. Cooke has gathered many facts about the old ministers and the old days, and as is the case elsewhere, the earlier history of a parish is that of the portion of the town which it comprises.

We are seldom called upon to notice a book of this size that is more worthy of commendation, for it is both entertaining and valuable. It is printed in the best manner.

By George K. Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.

*Boston Directory, containing the City Record, a Directory of the Citizens, Business Directory and a Street Directory.* No. LXXXIII. For the Year commencing July 1, 1887. Boston: Sampson, Murdock & Company. 8vo. pp. 1848. Price \$5.

The Boston Directory is the best city directory that we have met with. In our notices of the work in former years we have pointed out some of its various excellencies. The present Directory contains the names of 184,517 persons, and the changes since the last volume number 137,560.

*Washington as an Angler. With Extracts from his Diaries. 1787—89.* By GEORGE H. MOORE, Member of the Ammauskeag Fishing Club. New York: Printed for the Author. 1887. Sm. 4to. pp. 14.

"Mr. Sparks, in his life of Washington, has mentioned," says the author of this brochure, "the report of a tradition that he displayed in his boyhood a passion for active sports and a fondness for athletic amusements, which he did not relinquish in mature life. Other writers have repeated this general statement, but no one has pointed out his claim to be recognized as a 'Brother of the Angle.' Among his manuscripts hitherto unpublished, he has left a very interesting record of his recreations at a period of his life when he was engaged in a service hardly less important to his country than that of his military career." One of Gen. Washington's recreations, Dr. Moore shows, was fishing, and he quotes as proof the General's diary, in which accounts of fishing parties are entered. Pleasant remarks on these parties and on Washington's companions of the rod are added.

The book is dedicated to President Cleveland, who, as is well known, has shown his skill as an angler, and who no doubt will be gratified in finding that the first occupant of the United States Presidential chair, like the present, was an Angler. "No good fisherman," says Dr. Moore, "was ever a bad man, and history will bear out the assertion that the best Presidents have been the best fishermen."

*The Registers of the Parish of Wandsworth in the County of Surrey. (1603—1787.) Part I. Marriages, 1603—1787. Baptisms, 1603—1675.* Transcribed by JOHN TRAVIS SQUIRE, a Member of the Harleian Society. Lympington: R. E. & C. T. King. 1887. Super Royal 8vo. pp. 96. To be published in 4 parts at 5 shillings a part, or in one volume price a guinea. Subscriptions received by Mr. Squire, 33 Birdhurst Road, Wandsworth, Surrey, England.

In our number for January, 1887, we announced this work as in preparation, and gave some particulars concerning the proposed publication. We have now the first part of the work before us, handsomely printed on fine paper, uniform in size and style with the Publications of the Harleian Society. As we have already stated,

there are numerous entries relative to Huguenot families. The Register contains many surnames which are found in New England. We commend the work to our readers.

*The Genealogist.* Washington, D. C.: N. L. Collamer. 1887. Square 16mo. pp. 8 in each number. Published monthly at 2405 Pennsylvania Avenue. Price 25 cents a year, or 5 cents a number.

Mr. Collamer is both editor and publisher of this magazine, the first number of which appeared last September. It is issued in the interests of the science of genealogy, and is filled with interesting matter. Mr. Collamer is engaged on a genealogy of his family, and has commenced this periodical to assist himself and others in their researches.

*Pedigree of the Family of Biscoe.* By JOHN CHALLENGER COVINGTON SMITH, Corresponding Member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society and of Essex Archaeological Society. London: Mitchell and Hughes, 140 Wardour St. W. 1887. Quarto, pp. 23.

*The Genealogy and History of the Guild, Guile, and Gile Family.* By CHARLES BURLEIGH, Portland, Me.: Brown Thurston & Company. 1887. 8vo. pp. 381. With Index. Price \$5.

*Early Genealogies of the Cole Families of America (including Coles and Cowles).* By FRANK T. COLE. Columbus, O. 1887. 8vo. pp. xxxii.+308. With Index.

*Genealogy of the Denny Family in England and America, Descendants of John Denny of Combs, Suffolk, England, in 1439.* Leicester, Mass.: Compiled and Published by U. C. Denny. 1886. 8vo. pp. 267. With Index. Price \$3; including postage, \$2.25.

*American Ancestry.* By THOMAS P. HUGHES. Vol. I. The City of Albany, State of New York. Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons. 1887. Royal 8vo. pp. v. +100. Price \$2.50 (morocco, \$3.50).

*Chronicles of the Plumsted Family. With some Family Letters.* Compiled and Arranged, with Notes, by EUGENE DEVERREUX. Philadelphia. 1887. Royal 8vo. pp. 168.

*Handbook of Hartwell Genealogy. 1636—1887.* By L. W. DENSMORE. Boston: Press of Geo. E. Crosby & Co. 1887. 8vo. pp. 195.

*The Descendants of Veach Williams of Lebanon, Conn.; also the Ancestry of Lucy Walworth, wife of Veach Williams.* By ALEXANDER HAMILTON WRIGHT. New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor. 1887. 8vo. pp. 128+35+24. With Index. Price \$3, to be obtained of the Publishers.

*Genealogical Record of the Descendants of the Schwenkenfelders, who arrived in Pennsylvania in 1733, 1734, 1736, 1737. From the German of the Rev. Balthasar Heebner, and from other Sources.* By the Rev. REUBEN KRIEBEL. With an Historical Sketch by C. HEYDRICK. Manayunk: Josephus Yeakel, Printer. 1879. 8vo. pp. xxxii.+339.

*Sketch of the Eliot Family.* By WALTER GRAEME ELIOT. New York: Press of Livingston Middleditch. 1887. Pp. 157. With Index.

*A Short Account of the Winthrop Family. Privately Printed for Convenient Reference.* Cambridge: John Wilson & Son. 1887. 4to. pp. 16.

*New England Ancestors of Katharine-Brattle and William-Cary Harris.* Printed for Private Circulation. 1887. 4to. pp. 32.

*The Rutgers Family of New York.* By ERNEST H. CROSBY. New York: Trow's Printing and Book-Binding Co. 1886. Royal 8vo. pp. 14.

*Notes on the Rodman Genealogy.* By WILLIAM WOODBRIDGE RODMAN. New Haven, Connecticut: Printed for the Author. 1887. 8vo. pp. 27.

*Butler Genealogy. Dedication of a Monument to Deacon John Butler, First Settler of Pelham, at Pelham, N. H., June 9, 1886.* Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons, Publishers. 1887. 8vo. pp. 36.

*Biographical Sketch of John G. Deane and Brief Mention of his Connection with the Northeastern Boundary of Maine: also Memoranda about Members of the Family.* Prepared by, and printed for, his son LLEWELLYN DEANE. Washington, D. C.: R. Beresford, Printer. 1887. 8vo. pp. 70.

*Col. Paul Dudley Sargent of Sullivan, Maine.* Bangor: From the Press of Benj. A. Burr. 1887. 8vo. pp. 8.

*Report of the Bigelow Family Reunion at Lincoln Park, Worcester, Mass., Thursday, June 2, 1887.* By GILMAN BIGELOW HOWE. Buffalo: Bigelow Brothers. 1887. 8vo. pp. 46.

*Genealogical Record.* Gates. Post 4to. pp. 4.

*The Savory Families of America (Savory and Savary).* By A. W. SAVARY, M.A., Judge of the County Court, Digby, N. S. Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son. 1887. 8vo. pp. 20.

*The Littleton Family of Virginia.* 8vo. pp. 7.

*The Genealogy of Robert Ware of Dedham, Mass. Additions and Corrections.* By Miss EMMA F. WARE, of Milton, Mass. 8vo. pp. 9 (39 to 47).

*The Odlin Family.* By JOHN TAYLOR PERRY, A.M., of Exeter, N. H. 8vo. 1 page.

We continue in this number our quarterly notices of recent genealogical publications.

The first book on our list, Mr. Smith's work on the Biscoe family, is the result of great research on the part of the author. The family is traced to Edward Biscoe, of Little Missenden, who died in 1563, though the first known use of arms in the family does not occur till 1687. Mr. Smith, in addition to tracing the pedigrees of the various individuals, has been able to give the precise dates of baptism, marriage and death in a large number of cases. Any one who has found by experience in tracing their ancestors in England how difficult it is to procure such details, will readily appreciate the work done by the author. The family is represented in this country by descendants of Nathaniel Biscoe, "the rich tanner" of Watertown, Mass., who was here as early as 1642, but not long after returned to his native country. A large number of descendants in New England bear other names. He was a son of Edward and Agnes (Taylor) Biscoe of Agmondesham, Bucks, and a descendant in the fourth generation from Edward<sup>1</sup> Biscoe, through John<sup>2</sup> and Edward,<sup>3</sup> his father. Appendices give the connection of the Biscoes with the Randall and Blake families. Mr. Smith's position as superintendent of the Literary Department of the Probate Registry at Somerset House, London, his large fund of genealogical information and his acquaintance with a wide circle of antiquaries and genealogists, who have been ready to aid their friend, has enabled him to compile a work that may be called exhaustive. The book is printed in a superior manner, and descendants of the family and others interested in genealogical matters will do well to secure a copy of the work. Only a small edition was printed. It may be purchased of Messrs. Mitchell & Hughes.

The next work on our list is Mr. Burleigh's book on the Guild family. It contains some account of that family in England, and full genealogies of the descendants of John Guild, an early settler of Dedham, Mass., and of his brother Samuel Guild of Haverhill in the same colony. Of the former the records of 2278 individuals are given, and of the latter 1443 individuals; besides records of other persons who have not been connected with either family. No adequate genealogy of the Guilds has before this been published, and we congratulate the family on the issue of so satisfactory a work. It has been thoroughly prepared and clearly arranged on the Goodwin plan with Mr. Vinton's improvements. The book is handsomely printed, and is illustrated with a number of portraits.

The Cole book gives "some account of the descendants of James Cole of Hartford, Conn., 1635-1652, and of Thomas Cole of Salem, Mass., 1649-1672," besides records of other families who settled in this country. Much time must have been spent in the collection of materials for this large and handsome volume. The genealogy is arranged according to the REGISTER plan, and is a good specimen of the plan. It is well printed, and is illustrated with fourteen fine portraits, most of them on steel. The author, Mr. Cole, of Columbus, O., dedicates the work to his father, Capt. Theodore Cole, under whose encouragement he began the work, and in whose memory he finished it. We note one commendable feature in the index. The page where the fullest account of a person is found, is printed in heavier type. This saves much time to those who use the book.

The volume on the Denny family, by C. C. Denny, Esq., of Leicester, Mass., is a very interesting volume. It gives a narrative account of the Denny family of Combs from the year 1439 to the settlement of a branch of it in this country early in the last century, with appendices of wills, deeds and other documents. Then follow



some interesting letters from Mrs. Grace Denny of the county of Suffolk, England, to her son Daniel Denny, of Leicester, Mass. She was the mother of Mrs. Deborah Prince, wife of Rev. Thomas Prince, the New England antiquary. The remainder of the book is devoted to the genealogy proper and the index. The genealogy bears evidence of great research, is well arranged and printed in clear, legible type. The descendants of the New England Dennys are not confined to the name, but are traced in all their branches.

The volume of "American Ancestry" before us, is the first of a series of volumes to be issued by Messrs. Joel Munsell's Sons, giving the name and descent in the male line of Americans whose ancestors arrived in this country previous to the Declaration of Independence in 1776, together with facts of public interest, such as public service and literary and scientific attainments. The present volume is devoted to citizens of Albany, N. Y. It furnishes a useful record of the ancestry of prominent residents of that city.

Mr. Devereux's book on the Plumsted family is "carefully compiled from numerous manuscripts and family records." The author believes it to be "complete as far as it relates to the family after its settlement in Pennsylvania." He tells us that the family letters have been copied from the originals in the possession of Miss Rebecca Plumsted Burton and Mr. Alfred Devereux. The letters are thoroughly annotated by the author of the book. Besides an account of the American family, interesting matter will be found here concerning the name in England. The book is a handsome specimen of typography.

Mr. Denamore's book on the Hartwells contains an account of the descendants of William Hartwell of Concord, Mass., and the following allied families: Bellows, Cummings, Gibson, Hill, Johnson, Jones, Kendall, Lakin, Luce, Melvin, Russell, Stiles, Stow, Tucker, Wood, Winchell, Williams and many others. Mr. Denamore has been unremitting in his efforts for the last three years to collect materials for this work, in which he has been very successful. He intends at a future time to prepare a fuller genealogy of the family, with more details relative to the individuals. "One of the controlling reasons," he says, "for the publication in this form at the present time is to afford a chance for rigid inspection by parties interested to discover possible errors of date or fact."

The book on the Williams and Walworth families, by Mr. Wright of New York city, evidently has cost the author much time and labor. Mr. Veach Williams of Lebanon was "a descendant in the fifth generation from Robert Williams of Roxbury, who came from England in 1637, and settled in Roxbury, Mass. (see REGISTER, xxxiv. 69). Veach Williams of Lebanon was born in 1727, and was an officer in the revolutionary war. His wife Lucy was a daughter of William Walsworth of Groton, by his wife Mary Avery, whose ancestry is here traced to Lady Susan, wife of John Humphrey and daughter of Thomas, third earl of Lincoln, and through him to the kings of England.

The book on the Schweckenfelder family is a very thoroughly prepared work, and does credit to the compiler and the committee under whose charge it was prepared. The historical sketch by C. Heydrick, Esq., of Franklin, Pa., gives a faithful account of Caspar Schwenkfeld, a Silesian nobleman, and his followers. It is intimated that a larger work is in preparation.

Mr. Eliot's book on the Eliot family is devoted to the descendant of Andrew Elliott, who settled in Beverly, Mass., as early as 1670. He was baptized at East Coker, Somersetshire, England, in 1627, and resided there as late as 1668. The author traces him to Thomas<sup>1</sup> Eliot of East Coker, from whom the descent is through Henry,<sup>2</sup> William<sup>3</sup> and William,<sup>4</sup> his father. The book is well compiled and handsomely printed. It is illustrated with fine portraits, in groups and singly, and a folding chart of the family. Among the descendants of this family are Rev. John Eliot, one of the founders of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Rev. William G. Eliot of St. Louis, Mo., Hon. Thomas D. Eliot of New Bedford, Mass., and Charles W. Eliot, LL.D., president of Harvard University. No connection has been traced between this family and that of Rev. John Eliot, the Apostle to the Indians.

The account of the Winthrop family is by Robert C. Winthrop, Jr., Esq. It gives a full record of the family in England, beginning with Adam Winthrop, who was living at Lavenham in Suffolk in 1498, and who was the great-grandfather of Gov. John Winthrop of the Massachusetts Colony. The descendants of Gov. Winthrop are traced in one line to Hon. Thomas Lindall Winthrop, lieutenant governor of Massachusetts and president of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Lieut.-Gov.

Winthrop was the father of Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, LL.D., who has been speaker of the United States House of Representatives and president of the Massachusetts Historical Society. His son is the author of this work. So full an account as this of a family which has been so prominent in our history, is a welcome addition to our genealogical literature.

The pamphlet on the ancestors of Katharine B. and William C. Harris, is by their father Mr. Edward Doubleday Harris, of New York city. It carries their ancestry back in some lines to the ninth generation. Appended are sketches of the descendants of Thaddeus Mason and Mary (Dix) Harris, Amos and Jerusha (Robinson) Holbrook, Eli and Hannah (Streeter) Wheelock, and William and Katharine-Brattle (Gannett) Bascom. Like all of this writer's work, this is thorough and reliable.

The Rutgers pamphlet is a reprint from the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* for April, 1886. It is embellished with an artotype portrait of Col. Henry Rutgers. It is a well written and interesting article.

The Rodman pamphlet contains an account of John Rodman, a quaker, who was banished from Ireland in 1655 and found a home in Barbados, and his descendants. His sons, Thomas and John Rodman, both physicians, settled at Newport, R. I. The family is supposed to be of English origin. Much interesting genealogical matter relative to Rodmans in Ireland and this country is found here.

The Butler pamphlet contains the records of the Butler Family Association, and the proceedings at the dedication June 9, 1886, of a monument to Dea. Butler. The historical address by Henry A. May, of Boston, contains much genealogical information concerning the Butlers.

The Deane pamphlet gives a good sketch of the life of the Hon. John Gilmore Deane, of Ellsworth and Portland, Me., and much genealogical matter relative to his kindred. Mr. Deane was a descendant of John Deane, who with his brother were early settlers of Taunton, Mass. Letters from distinguished persons to John G. Deane and to his son, the author, relative to the father are found in the pamphlet. The author has done well to collect and preserve these memorials of the family.

The Sargent pamphlet is a reprint from the *Bangor Historical Magazine*. It is by Ignatius Sargent, Esq., of Machias, Me., with additions by Hon. J. W. Porter, editor of that magazine. Besides an interesting sketch of the life of Col. Paul D. Sargent, it contains a good genealogical record of his descendants.

Mr. Howe's pamphlet on the Bigelow reunion last June gives an interesting account of the proceedings on that occasion. We have elsewhere stated that Mr. Howe, who is the secretary of the Bigelow Family Association, under whose auspices this reunion was held, has in preparation an extensive genealogy of the Bigelows.

The Gates pamphlet traces the descent of Joel Gates, of Hancock, N. H., and his children from Thomas Gates, who is said to have resided in Norwich, Eng., in the reign of Elizabeth and James I.

The Savary, Littleton, Ware and Odlin pamphlets are reprints from the *REGISTER* for October, 1887. The Littleton pamphlet is by Robert Patterson Robins, M.D., of Philadelphia. The Ware and Odlin pamphlets are appendices to works previously noticed by us; the Ware in April and the Odlin in October last. Our readers are already aware of the merits of these works.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

### I. Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.

Edward Jessop of West Farms, Westchester Co., New York, and his Descendants. With an Introduction and an Appendix: the latter containing Records of other American families of the name, with some additional Memoranda. By Rev. Henry Griswold Jesup.

The Descendants of Edmund Weston, of Roxbury, Mass., for Five Generations. By Thomas Weston, Jr., Esq., A.M. Boston: George E. Littlefield. 1887. 8vo. pp. 23.

Groton Historical Series: A Collection of Papers relating to the History of the Town of Groton, Massachusetts. By Samuel Abbott Green, M.D. Groton: 1887. 8vo. pp. viii. 502.

**The Canadian Fisheries Dispute.**—An open letter to Senator Morgan. St. Louis. 1887. 8vo. pp. 445. By Charles Levi Woodbury.

**Harvard College Alumni**, who have held the official positions named. By William A. Richardson, LL.D., Chief Justice of Court of Claims (U. S.), Washington, D. C. 8vo. pp. 7.

**In Memory of John B. Moreau.** 8vo. pp. 12. By Benson J. Lossing, LL.D. Wants. Supply. Help. Baccalaureate Address to the Class of '87, July 12, 1887. By Joseph F. Tuttle, President Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana. Crawfordsville: The Journal Printing House. 1887. 8vo. pp. 12.

**Washington as an Angler**, with Extracts from his Diaries, 1787-89. By George H. Moore, member of the Ammauskeag Fishing Club. New York: Printed for the Author. 1887. Small quarto. pp. 14.

### NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

THE EDITOR OF THE REGISTER having been taken sick on the 23<sup>d</sup> of August last while the October number was in press, Albert H. Hoyt, A.M., a former editor of the REGISTER, kindly took charge of that number, and with the assistance of William B. Trask, Esq., also formerly an editor of the work, carried it through the press. The editor returns his warmest thanks to Messrs. Hoyt and Trask for their assistance and for the excellent manner in which their work was done.

AN UNKNOWN AUTOGRAPH OF JOHN HARVARD, THE FOUNDER OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY.—The following letter appeared in the Liverpool Courier, Friday, December 2, 1887:

*To the Editor:*

Sir,—I seek permission to avail myself of your columns for the purpose of placing on record, for the first time, particulars of a discovery which I trust may not be without interest to some, at least, of your numerous readers.

Until just now, the only scraps of the writing of John Harvard, founder of Harvard College, which the most careful and repeated researches have been able to unearth, are his two signatures, made respectively on his admission to his B.A. and M.A. degrees, which are preserved in the subscription book of the University of Cambridge, when he subscribed his assent to the well-known "three articles."

By a succession of fortuitous circumstances the Harvard family had become reduced to two in number—John Harvard, the founder, and his brother Thomas—and upon them had devolved means which had accumulated from a variety of sources. Thomas Harvard, then, died in the life-time of his elder brother, to whose means a further increase was made on this event.

These preliminary observations will lead the way to and explain what follows.

It was known that John Harvard and his brother Thomas jointly held certain property, by lease, from the Hospital of St. Katharine, near the Tower of London. Communications were therefore opened with the present authorities of the hospital, and were received in the manner which might be expected by a corporate body over which the Rev. James St. John Blunt is master, and Sir Arnold White, as chapter clerk of St. Katherine's, legal adviser. The latter, with great courtesy, caused careful search to be made amongst the very numerous muniments of the hospital, and the result, of which I was informed in September last, is now made public for the first time.

The expectations which had been formed were realized to their fullest extent. The search brought to light the original counterpart lease, dated July 29, 1635, from the hospital to "John Harvard, clerke, and Thomas Harvard, cittizen and cloth-worker, of London," of certain tenements in the parish of Allhallows, Barking, and the counterpart is executed by John Harvard and Thomas Harvard. Of the latter no writing has hitherto been found, so far as I am aware.

The names of the witnesses attesting the signatures are somewhat obscure, says Sir Arnold White; but he makes them out to be "Richard Mason" and "Robert Oldner," and this reading he thinks is probably correct, as he finds on reference to Dr. Ducarel's History of the Hospital, published in 1782, that "Richard Mason, gent.," was at the date of the lease surveyor and receiver of the hospital.

It may be well to observe, for the information of those who are unacquainted with such matters, that the invariable practice was that the lease, executed by the lessors, was handed to the lessees, who executed a counterpart which was retained by the lessors. Hence we have a feature of singular interest, importance and value in this discovery which it is essential to notice. Custody, as everyone knows, is a cardinal point in matters of this kind, and the document now brought to light is not only in the hands of those who are its legal owners, but is in the self-same keeping in which it was placed the moment the ink of the signatures was dry, two hundred and fifty-two years ago. There is nothing to be done in the way of tracing, with more or less uncertainty and doubt, how it passed from one to another during the two centuries and a half of its existence; for it has never for a single moment been in any custody other than that in which it is at present, and I may add must of necessity continue so long as it shall endure.

I will conclude by stating, what I am sure will be received with much satisfaction—namely, that, thanks to the permission of the hospital authorities, fac-similes of the full size of the original document—some 17 inches by 20—and executed in the best manner possible, will shortly be procurable. Yours, &c. D.

Nov. 30, 1887.

The two leading London literary journals, *The Athenæum* and *The Academy*, both of Dec. 10, 1887, contain similar announcements, though giving fewer details. We have received a circular stating that a fac-simile of this document of the full size of the original, and executed in the most perfect manner, has been made, and can be obtained of John Wheldon, Bookseller, 58 Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, Eng. Price £1 3s. 0d. (twenty-three shillings), post free, registered.

**FAMILY REUNIONS.**—*Boynnton, Emery and Poor.*—The American Boynnton Association held their fifth annual convention and family reunion, September 14, 1887, at Boston, Mass.; the Emery family and the Poor family also held reunions on that day, the former at Boston and the latter at Haverhill, Mass. It is encouraging to find these family gatherings increasing. They make the scattered members of the several families better acquainted with each other, and furnish opportunities for gathering genealogical statistics.

**NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PRESERVING THE MEMORIALS OF THE DEAD IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.**—A society under this name was established in England in the year 1881. It has for its objects to preserve and protect the Memorials of the Dead in Parish Churches, Churchyards and Closed Burial Grounds:

- 1.—By securing a record of Sepulchral Memorials, and of the sites of Monuments, destroyed or removed, where such can be identified.
- 2.—By carefully watching works carried on in Churches, especially during the progress of "restoration" or rebuilding; and by using every legitimate means to prevent the desecration and painful interference with the surface or limits of the churchyards.
- 3.—By promoting the repair of such Memorials as the Society may think necessary or desirable, and by the occasional grant of funds for this purpose.
- 4.—By seeking to obtain Legislation in behalf of the objects the Society has in view.
- 5.—By promoting a publication of the more important and historical memorials, and by encouraging the printing and publishing of Parochial Registers.
- 6.—By forming a Reference Library of works treating upon the subject of the Monumental Architecture and Sculpture of the Country.

The minimum annual subscription for members is 10s.; life subscription, 5 guineas. The Society's Journal, published at intervals, is free to members. The first number was issued in July, 1882. The president is the Rt. Rev. the Bp. Suffragan of Nottingham, F.S.A.; and the secretary is William Vincent, Esq., Belle Vue Rise, Norwich, or Oxford Mansion, Oxford St., London, W., England. Communications should be addressed to the secretary. The work of the society commends itself to all interested in preserving the history of their ancestors and kindred, and we trust that liberal subscriptions will be forwarded to the society.

**MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS IN THE CITY OF NORWICH.**—This is the title of a work of which a circular has been issued, to be collated by and under the auspices of and published by the above named society. The inscriptions are copied from the tombs, monuments, gravestones, brass plates and memorial windows in the cathedrals, churches, churchyards, places of worship, and closed burial grounds in Norwich. The work will be issued in six or seven parts, foolscap folio, printed on antique paper, with index for each part. There will be a general index of the whole in the last part. Price to subscribers to the whole work, 5s. each part. Members of the society can have the work at cost price. Subscribers' names received by the secretary, William Vincent, Esq., Belle Vue Rise, Hellesdon Road; and by Messrs. A. H. Goose & Co., booksellers, Rampant Horse Street, Norwich, England.

**GEORGE W. MARSHALL, LL.D., F.S.A.**, the founder and first editor of *The Genealogist* and author of "The Genealogist's Guide," having been tendered the appointment of Rouge-Croix Pursuivant in the College of Arms, by the Duke of Norfolk, has accepted the office. We are glad that a gentleman so well qualified for the position has received the appointment. His learning and his knowledge of the family history of Great Britain admirably fit him for the position. Our readers who wish researches made at the Heralds' College are recommended to address their communications to Dr. Marshall.

**PARISH REGISTERS OF ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.**—Lieut. Col. Henry Fishwick, F.S.A., The Heights, Rochdale, England, author of the "History of Goosnargh," "History of Kirkham," etc., is preparing for the press "The Registers of the Parish Church of Rochdale," from 1582 to 1616. The original parish of Rochdale was one of the largest in the hundred of Salford, and contained the villages of Todmorden, Milnrow, and Whitworth, and within its ecclesiastical jurisdiction was also the chapel of Saddleworth. The earliest volume of registers is worn with age and usage, and before many years large portions of it will be destroyed.

The Registers will be reproduced *verbatim et literatim*, with explanatory notes when required. The size of the volume will be demy octavo, and will contain about 370 pages with an Introduction and a complete index of names. The issue will be limited to 225 copies demy 8vo., price 10s. 6d., and 25 copies large paper, price 21s., post free. Subscription to be sent to the editor at the above address.

**PUBLICATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**—The fifteenth volume of the *Southern Historical Society Papers*, now in press, will be "Paroles of the Army of Northern Virginia, surrendered at Appomattox Court-House, April 9th, 1865, with a Historical Introduction," edited by R. A. Brock, the secretary of the society. The volume will be one of great value. Life membership in this society is \$50, and annual membership, \$5 a year. Members receive the publications free.

**LOCAL HISTORIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons having facts and documents relating to any of the towns, cities, counties or other localities of which histories are announced under this heading, are advised to send them at once to the person engaged in writing the history.

**Richmond, Virginia.** By R. A. Brock.—A Memorial History of Richmond, Va., is announced by D. Mason & Co., publishers, Richmond, as in preparation. The work will be written by R. A. Brock, Esq., secretary of the Southern Historical Society and also of the Virginia Historical Society, whose name is sufficient to guarantee a high literary character and historic accuracy for the work. No pains or expense will be spared to render the book worthy of the subject. It will portray faithfully the interesting annals of the territory. The book will make a large 8vo., 7 by 10 inches, of 600 to 800 pages.

**Milton, Mass.**—This work, which has been several years in preparation, is now in press, and will be issued this winter. It will make a volume of more than 600 pages, handsomely illustrated by 48 first class engravings. Subscriptions received by the selectmen of the town. Price \$4 in cloth, or \$5 in half-turkey morocco.

**Talbot County, Maryland.** By Samuel A. Harrison, Easton, Md.—A volume entitled "The Worthies of Talbot" is in preparation by Mr. Harrison. It will

contain the lives of conspicuous citizens of this county from its settlement to the present time. Many of the memoirs have already appeared in the public journals. Subscriptions received by the author. The book will be a royal 8vo. of more than 600 pages. Price \$5 in cloth.

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**GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think may be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from colleges or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of births, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

**Bigelow.** By Gilman Bigelow Howe, of Northborough, Mass.—The Bigelow Family Association, of which Horace H. Bigelow of Worcester is president, at the reunion of that family held in Worcester, Mass., June 2, 1887, made arrangements with Mr. Howe, who is the secretary of the association and has for some years been at work on a history of the Bigelows, to prepare and arrange the book for the press. It is intended that the work shall contain a full and accurate account of the descendants of John Biglo, the common ancestor, from 1636 to the present time. The book will be illustrated with engravings and the price will probably not exceed five dollars. It will be ready in about two years. Subscriptions may be addressed to either of the above named gentlemen.

**Foster.** By Paymaster Joseph Foster, U.S.N., 26 Middle St., Portsmouth, N. H.—This is a second edition of Paymaster Foster's work issued in 1885. The present work was announced by us in January, 1886. The book is now in press and over 400 pages are printed. It will contain a genealogical and biographical account of Col. Joseph Foster, of Ipswich and Gloucester, Mass., 1730-1804, with his children, grandchildren and later descendants, and notices of affiliated families,—Butler, Boreman, Dane, Giddings, Goodhue, Hutchings, Kinsman, Rust, Tuttle and Wardell. It will also contain an account of Reginald Foster and his descendants, which while not exhaustive in the later generations, the author hopes will be more complete than anything now in print. He would be glad to receive any information or suggestions.

**Hooper.** By Thomas Hooper, Jr., 352 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.—Mr. Hooper is compiling a genealogy of the descendants of William Hooper, who settled at Reading, Mass., in 1635.

**Millett.** By Dr. Asa Millett, of East Bridgewater, Mass.—Dr. Millett is at work on a genealogy of the descendants of Mr. Thomas Millett. The members of this family are requested to send in any records which they may be able to furnish.

**Stanton.** By Rev. Wm. A. Stanton, Ph.D., 308 North West Street, Rockford, Ill.—Dr. Stanton is preparing a "Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas Stanton, Interpreter General of the New England Colonies." Thomas Stanton died at Stonington, Conn., in 1677. Some of his descendants spell their name "Staunton." Dr. Stanton solicits correspondence and information. He has about 500 of the descendants of Thomas Stanton classified and indexed.

**Taylor.** By W. O. Taylor, P. O. Box 567, Shelburne Falls, Mass.—Mr. Taylor is compiling a complete genealogical record and history of the descendants of John Taylor of Windsor, Ct., who came from England in 1630, and after a few years residence at Lynn, Mass., removed in 1639 to Windsor, Ct. Descendants are requested to send in records of their families. They will please mention any relics, deeds, commissions and other documents. A biographical sketch of each head of a family will be acceptable. Blanks will be furnished.

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*Life, Journals and Correspondence of Rev. Manasseh Cutler, LL.D.* By his grandchildren, WILLIAM PARKER CUTLER and JULIA PERKINS CUTLER. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1888. Two volumes. Vol. 1, pp. 524; Vol. 2, pp. 495. Price \$5.

These volumes are a contribution to American biography and history of permanent value. In the latter respect they take rank as a text book, and as such, their publication at this juncture is timely; that is, their publication could not well have been postponed. An earlier publication, or at least preparation, would have been fortunate. Dr. Cutler died in 1823. Much concerning him, which then and in the immediately following years would have been available in the reminiscences of his contemporaries, is irrecoverably lost.

But now, a century after the date of the most notable achievement in his career, this record appears, throwing a clear light upon the particular epoch and contributing in a very direct way to a fit centennial commemoration. That achievement was the propitious initiation of the settlement of the great Northwestern territory, a settlement which from the point of its humble beginning on the Ohio River in 1788 has extended across the continent in an ever-broadening pathway. While, indeed, Dr. Cutler had no prevision of this vast sweep of the potential principles embodied through his urgency, and in part by his suggestion, in the scheme of settlement which took shape at Marietta, Ohio, April 7, 1788, and while certain details of that scheme may not appear in the later settlements, there is throughout a unity and homogeneity.

These volumes contain the evidence that his name is fairly entitled to the renown thus suggested. Others had a share in the enterprise; but his intelligence, firmness, perseverance and diplomatic skill secured its safe conduct at the critical stage. The key note to this part of the historical narrative appears in this declaration of the authors of the volumes: "This systematic occupation of the heart of the

great republic marks as distinctively the landing at Marietta, on April 7, 1788, of the founders of the central empire, as the landing at Plymouth or Jamestown set the historical landmarks of civilization on the Atlantic seaboard."

The whole story adds another to the list of "romances" as some may say, "providences" as others would say, which appear on the pages of our country's history. These volumes explain how it happened that in the first settlement of the Northwest territory, the land was laid out in contiguous townships; that 640 acres in each was set apart for religious purposes, 640 for schools, and in the whole, 2340 for a university; that slavery was forever prohibited; that good faith with the Indians and the taking of their lands only by purchase were provided for; that all navigable waters, and the carrying places between them, were made highways forever, free to all the citizens of the United States, without tax or impost; that all this was put into the fundamental law which went prior to the deed of purchase; that in this bottom deed the United States is grantor in the capacity of a national sovereign, solely, and not conjointly as so many State sovereigns; and, finally, how it was that all this was carried by the vote, as States, of eight of the thirteen, all that were represented in that day's session of Congress, five of these being slave States, viz.: Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

On the eve of complete success, Dr. Cutler was overcome by despair, Congress being, as he thought, slow. In this mood he made a social call on Dr. Samuel Holton, then representative of Massachusetts, as he had been from 1778, one year excepted. Dr. Cutler notes the visit in his diary, saying:

"I told the Doctor (Holton) I thought it in vain to wait longer, and should certainly leave the city the next day. He cried out on my impatience, said if I obtained my purpose in a month from that time I should be far more expeditious than was common in getting much smaller matters through Congress; that it was of great magnitude, for it far exceeded any private contract ever made before in the United States; that if I should fail now I ought still to pursue the matter, for I should most certainly obtain the object I wished. To comfort me, he assured me that it was impossible for him to conceive by what kind of address I had so soon and so warmly engaged the attention of Congress; for since he had been a member of that body, he assured me upon his honor, that he never knew so much attention paid to any one person who made application to them on any kind of business, nor did he ever know them more pressing to bring it to a close. He could not have supposed that any three men from New England, even of the first character, could have accomplished so much in so short a time."

This may be permitted to stand as the verdict of a competent contemporary, though Dr. Cutler adds the disclaimer: "This, I believe, was mere flattery, though it was delivered with a very serious air; but it gave me some consolation."

The first merit of these volumes is, that they furnish distinct outlines for a true chapter of the history of the United States as yet unwritten in any adequate form, and that after a long and unmerited obscurity they bring visibly into the front, where he properly belongs, a first class character and national benefactor.

Their second merit, in a historical point of view, is in the contribution which the diary and correspondence make to our knowledge of events, persons, phases of public opinion, social characteristics, state of science and the arts and the topographical condition of the New England and Middle States—particularly the former—during the Doctor's active life, including therein the important period of the Revolution.

Third in the order of enumeration is the biographical merit of the volumes, though their charm and readableness in this particular will cause many to reckon this first. Incomplete as the biographical facts are, through loss of data by fire and otherwise, they suffice to portray clearly a most interesting and able man, one whose traits as thus disclosed are a continual reminder of Dr. Franklin. The marked dissimilarity in these two, who were so nearly brothers in the spirit, is in point of theology. Dr. Cutler was a Calvinist, or, as perhaps the distinguished professor emeritus of Andover would say, he was "Calvinistical." One of the most instructive and valuable entries in the diary is that giving an account of Dr. Cutler's visit to the sage of Philadelphia, who was then living in the retirement of his old age.

Dr. Cutler's predominant intellectual trait was an aptitude for science. Yet one hesitates a little in saying this, so versatile was he and so equal in his various abilities. His fidelity to "the duty which stands next" hides in a degree his loyalty to the real mistress of his heart. His duties comprised at different times those of a parish minister, a physician, a representative in the Legislature and in

Congress, a founder of the new State west of the Alleghenies, chaplain of different regiments in the Continental army, farmer in Essex County, teacher of an academy, merchant and lawyer at Martha's Vineyard, leader in the home politics and social life of Ipswich Hamlet, member of learned and philanthropical societies; but whenever an interval occurs in all this, away he goes swiftly on a tangent in pursuit of science.

To the youth of this period of "interviews," "personals" and "pen pictures," it will be incredible that so great a man should thus apparently have been ignored and permitted almost to subside into oblivion. How long that retrogression continued, and the extent of it, are clearly and faithfully shown in two articles relating to Manasseh Cutler, written by Dr. W. F. Poole, one of which appeared in the *REGISTER* of April, 1873, and the other in the *North American Review* for April, 1876. These were a revelation to the historical reading public of that day, and were the beginning of a revival of Dr. Cutler's fame, which the publication of these memoirs, and the forthcoming commemorations in Ohio, will not fail to restore to its rightful and permanent place. For he was known and appreciated by his illustrious contemporaries. Marked social attention and honor were paid him on personal grounds by Washington, by Mrs. Washington, both during the lifetime of her husband and afterwards, by Franklin, Lafayette, John Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and a host of lesser dignitaries, of which experiences glimpses are given in the diary and correspondence. A portrait of the Doctor and a view of his church and parsonage are the illustrations.

By Daniel W. Baker, Esq., of Boston, Mass.

*The Study of History in American Colleges and Universities.* By HERBERT B. ADAMS, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History in the Johns Hopkins University. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1887. 8vo. paper, pp. 299. With Illustrations. Circular of Information, No. 2, 1887. Bureau of Education.

*Royal Historical Society. The Teaching of History in Schools. An Address delivered Oct. 22, 1887.* By OSCAR BROWNING, F. R. Hist. S. Together with a Report of the Conference on the teaching of History in Schools. London: Longmans, Green & Co., and New York: 15 East 16th Street, 1887. Price one shilling. 8vo. paper, pp. 20.

"History is a narrative of past events." Such was the bald and incomplete definition of this important study furnished to the scholars of our common schools forty years ago. A letter in the first of these pamphlets defines history as "simply the record of human experience." A still better definition is that "history is philosophy teaching by example." Yet none of these definitions, however terse and expressive, so fully explain this study in such a way as to sufficiently impress the mind of the reader with the grandeur, the significance and the scope of this great subject. A wider and more satisfactory explanation would seem to be that history is a description of the rise, progress and ultimate condition of states, rulers and people, presented in such a manner as to teach us what evils to avoid and what benefits to adopt in the records of the past. It may not improperly be called a chart of civilization, showing the progressive stages of man from barbarism to the highest culture. It is a guide to the actions, motives and policy of the public men of past ages. It illustrates the advancement of science, the institution of law, the improvement of religion, the encouragement of humanity, philanthropy and morality, the spirit of discovery by which a more thorough knowledge of the remote quarters of the world is gained, and the securing of the rights, liberties and privileges of the people. It acts as the motive power of human progress, and whether advancing with railroad speed or the slower action of the stage-coach, its movement, with but one exception (the destruction of the Western Roman Empire, from the effect of which it took Europe centuries to recover) has been ever onward in the right direction. Its lessons appeal with equal force to individual as well as to national life, tending to the prevention of vice and the promotion of virtue. It is at once a mirror of past life and a great object lesson for the better life of the future.

For these reasons, if for no others, should the study of history in all its departments, ethnology, archaeology, biography, chronology, genealogy and other forms and branches, be fostered, encouraged and in every way promoted by all of our institutions of learning. The first of the works under notice describes the methods of historical study adopted in many of the American colleges—Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Cornell, Johns Hopkins and Michigan Universities as well as the female colleges of Vassar, Wellesley, Smith and Bryn Mawr. About forty pages of the work are devoted to the system of historical instruction at Harvard, including notices

of Professors Sparks, Bowen, Torrey, Felton, Gurney and Adams and their methods. It is a matter of some surprise that Harvard, the oldest and best endowed of all American universities, should have had no organized department of history for the first two centuries of its existence, and that the first professorship in history was not instituted till 1839 with Professor Jared Sparks in the chair, to whom this great study owes its first prominent development. A complete list of the presidents of Harvard with the length of their terms of service and their ages when elected is given on page 15: the longest in service being President Edward Holyoke, 39 years, from 1737 to 1769. The efforts of Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge to promote the study of history are favorably mentioned, and high praise is awarded to Mr. Justin Winsor for his admirable management of the library.

The description of historical study at Yale includes the systems of Professors Wheeler and Dexter. That at Columbia contains an extended sketch of the life and methods of Professor Franz Lieber, who is mentioned in the highest terms. Professors Vardill, Anthon, McVickar and Burgess are also favorably mentioned. It is a fact worthy of notice that Columbia College was the first in this country to institute a professorship of history. This was in 1775, when John Vardill was made "professor of history and languages." The study of history in the great west, which is this year to celebrate the centennial of its first settlement, is exemplified in an account of Michigan University, one of the oldest of the western collegiate institutions. In this university is exhibited a rare spirit of toleration by the fact that six of the original professorships were given to the Roman Catholic bishop of the then territory of Michigan, Gabriel Richard. A description of the life and services of Professors Andrew D. White and Charles Kendall Adams appears in this chapter. In the description of Cornell University a sketch of its founder, Hon. Ezra Cornell, is presented, and the labors of professors A. D. White and C. K. Adams before noticed who had become successively presidents of this institution, together with those of James Anthony Froude (who lectured here) and Professors Goldwin Smith, William C. Russell, William D. Wilson, George W. Greene, Moses C. Tyler and Herbert Tuttle, are honorably mentioned. The sixth chapter is devoted to the system of historical instruction at Johns Hopkins University. These six colleges are probably selected as examples of the best institutions for historic culture in the country; yet one is tempted to inquire why Brown University, one of the oldest and most prominent of collegiate institutions, was omitted. The seventh chapter gives a brief account of the four colleges for women before mentioned. The eighth chapter is a general essay on American history in schools, colleges and universities, by Francis Newton Thorpe, Ph.D., in which defects are pointed out and suggestions for improvement given. The ninth is a short chapter in which an account of the study of history and political science in the Washington High School, by E. R. L. Gould, Ph.D., is presented. The work concludes with a series of statistical tables by Col. Carroll D. Wright, in which the principal facts relating to the study of history in American colleges are exhibited. The illustrations consist of representations of the interiors of libraries and lecture rooms. The work shows in its preparation much judgment, care and labor.

I have left myself so little space that I cannot speak as it deserves of the smaller of these pamphlets, which is a short essay on historical culture in the English public schools, in which the subject is treated in an intelligent manner by Mr. Browning. The author urges, with much propriety, the importance of the study of universal history and the study of political science. He protests with some justice against treating history in a picturesque or topical manner, his reasoning being that it is not so much the event that should be impressed on the mind of the pupil as the effect and consequences of the event. His statement that "many of the most striking scenes in history never took place" is perhaps a little too broadly made. In regard to historical authors Mr. Browning very justly recommends the study of Gibbon as necessary to a thorough historical education.

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*The History of Milton, Mass., 1640 to 1887.* Edited by A. K. TEELE. 8vo. pp. 682. Price \$3 cloth, \$4 half-morocco. For sale by Messrs. Clarke & Carruth, Boston, Mass.

Milton is for many reasons one of the most interesting towns in Massachusetts, and it is well that its history has been written before all the elder inhabitants, in whose memories old traditions and facts lie stored, have passed away. This history covers a great deal of ground and treats of many subjects. First in every sense comes what might be called the *natural* history of the town; the rare beauty of its

situation between sea shore and country; its river to which the Charles pays tribute; its Blue Hills which give a name to the State they adorn; the unrivalled beauty of the views from its various heights; its quarries, its water power and its flora. The Indian life in the town, including the settlement of Punkapoag, is noticed; and letters are given from Dr. J. Hammond Trumbull explaining the meaning of the Indian name, Unquetyquisset, and settling the origin of the name Massachusetts. An account follows of the early inhabitants of Dorchester, who settled on the south of the river before the incorporation, with an ancient plan showing the location of their grants, and the first tax lists. There are notices of several of the old families, and of some of the more distinguished inhabitants, as Gov. Hutchinson, Gov. Belcher, Rev. Joseph Emerson, Rev. Samuel May, Rev. Peter Thacher, Gov. Robbins, Gen. Sumner, &c. There are chapters on old houses and landmarks, on highways and byways, and in connection with these last is a most excellent historical map showing all the old houses and roads; all the roads being dated, and the earlier ones so carefully distinguished that they can be detected at once. A chapter on "First Things" claims for Milton several useful inventions or "introductions" besides the railway, paper mill, chocolate mill and grist mill which have always been allowed to her. A recent reviewer speaks of the Grist Mill as belonging to Milton "by construction" only, as it is on the Dorchester side of the river; but as it was set off to Milton by the original act of incorporation in 1662, has always been and still is, taxed in that town, it seems as if Milton's claim might be regarded as more than a constructive one.

The famous Suffolk resolves are given in full, the only satisfactory thing to do in such cases. In a monumental work like a town history space should not be considered in comparison with the preservation in completeness and under one cover of all important documents. The chapter on the proceedings relating to small-pox in 1809 will probably be a surprise to all but the very few who have seen the now rare pamphlet which was printed and distributed by the town at the time. We would gladly have seen the whole proceedings reprinted. The History of Milton Cemetery is reprinted with some alterations from a pamphlet issued several years ago; and the military record of the town has of course a good deal of space devoted to it, with a notice of Capt. Samuel Wadsworth, killed at Sudbury. There is also a very amusing account, hitherto unpublished, of a letter written to Gov. Hutchinson by some of his Milton neighbors on his departure for England, and the way in which the town "took them to task" for it! Rev. Peter Thacher's diary is printed for the first time, but unfortunately its owner "has seen fit" to withhold parts of it. Rev. Dr. Teele, the *Editor* as he modestly calls himself, claims as discoveries the following, among others:—

1. The probability that the First-Meeting House was on Milton Hill.
2. The fact that a ministerial house was built on the Robert Vose lot in 1663.
3. The fact that the tract of land in the southwest part of the town, about 340 acres, was obtained from Braintree in 1754.

The illustrations, which are numerous, are extremely good, and the maps, though small, are clear and distinct. The History was printed in accordance with a vote of the Town in 1884, appointing Albert K. Teele, James M. Robbins, Charles Breck, and Edmund J. Baker a committee for procuring the writing and publishing the History. Mr. Robbins died while the work was in progress, but not before he had examined and approved the first nine chapters of the book.

*By Miss Emma F. Ware of Milton, Mass.*

*How to write the History of a Family. A Guide for the Genealogist.* By W. P. W. PHILLMORE, M.A., B.C.L. Boston: Cupples & Hurd. 12mo. pp. vi.+206. Price \$2.

We have rarely passed two or three hours more agreeably or profitably than in perusing this book, which not only contains a great many important and useful suggestions to the compiler of a family history, but very valuable lists of the numerous sources from which genealogical matter is to be obtained in England, with much information as to the means of getting at these sources, whether printed or manuscript. The chapters on the surname, heraldry, kinship and systems of genealogy alone are sufficient to entitle the author to the thanks of every true genealogist, and yet these chapters, full of much needed instruction and common sense directions as they are, precede others of still more value, and which none but an experienced, practical and scholarly genealogist could have written. Mr. Phillimore shows that he is well acquainted with the methods of investigation in America; and his familiarity with our prominent publications and standard authori-

ties will attract the attention of the reader. In illustrating the "Register method" he introduces a portion of the pedigree of Dean, as published in the REGISTER for 1883, showing the descent of its present editor. He acknowledges in his preface indebtedness to Mr. Henry F. Waters, the Society's agent in England, and to other well known and accomplished genealogists.

It is a "consummation devoutly to be wished" that every author of a family history might be able to follow the plan which Mr. Phillimore outlines, as it would result in a most thorough and complete work, but we fear that often a lack of means, if not of material, will render this impracticable. On page 59 it is suggested that it is well to give a list of books and records examined without result, as well as of those from which matter was obtained; the only objection to this is, that it is possible that some clue might escape the most patient investigator, which by chance another would find. If a person proposes to write the history of a family, we can think of no better preparation for him than to read carefully Mr. Phillimore's book, which will be of the greatest assistance to all such, both in the old world and the new. There is a good index, and the print is excellent.

By George K. Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.

*Papers of the California Historical Society. Vol. I. Part II. History of the College of California.* By SAMUEL H. WILLEY, D.D. San Francisco: California Historical Society. 1887. Paper. 8vo. pp. 440.

The author of this valuable history of the career of the College of California, now merged in the University of California, was from the very start an earnest and persistent worker in the cause to which he gave so large a share of his attention and influence. Himself a graduate of Dartmouth, he was fully equipped for the task; yet, not content with his own ideas, he sought and received competent advice from the east, prominent among which was that of Rev. Dr. William M. Rogers, of Boston; Rev. Henry Durant, the first professor in the College; Rev. Dr. Bushnell, of Hartford, Conn.; and the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education in the West.

How labors were expended, the preparatory school started, various sites examined, funds sought and secured, the college chartered, officered and opened, young men educated and graduated, the public instructed through the press, other departments crystallized in the college town, till the University evolved, is delightfully told in these pages of Dr. Willey, who forgets not the historic duty of a list of the members, of the board of trustees, of the faculty and teachers, of its graduates and those upon whom honorary degrees were conferred. It is a remarkable record for fifteen years, 1855-1870.

The appendix is devoted to a series of able, instructive and important papers, consisting of commencement, anniversary and association orations from eminent men, a poem from Bret Harte, a list of resident graduates in the State of various colleges throughout the United States, and a copious index. The first part of this volume was noticed by us last July.

By George A. Gordon, A.M., of Somerville, Mass.

*The Cavaliers and Roundheads of Barbados, 1650-1659. With some Account of the Early History of Barbados.* By N. DARNELL DAVIS. "Argosy" Press: Georgetown, British Guiana. 1887. 8vo. pp. viii.+261.

In a previous issue of this periodical, January, 1885, a short review of a sketch bearing the above title was presented to our readers, and the author, profiting by the accumulations of additional material, has expanded his first narrative to the larger proportions of a bound volume of nearly three hundred pages. The author, Mr. Darnell Davis, is an officer in Her Majesty's customs service at Georgetown, Demerara, British Guiana, and he brings to this work the talents of an expert antiquary, as we have before had occasion to speak of his archaeological labors. The writer is cognizant of his constant and valuable contributions to the history of the colonial possessions of England on the Atlantic Coast as they have appeared in local publications, and also aware of his generous assistance to American students in respect to questions of mutual interest to these islands and the settlement of New England. The relations which existed between these colonial possessions during the sixteenth century were more intimate than is generally supposed, and the volume before us brings this out in several ways. These islands were often but the stepping stones for emigrants bound for New England—often they became prolonged abiding places. The subject of the volume is sufficiently indicated by the title, and the author, with a mine of references at his command to for-

tify his position, describes in an interesting narrative the varying fortunes of the two political factions in Barbados during the troublous times of the civil war. In that remote colony party spirit ran as high as in the old country, and each side made as much of their turn in power as their leaders did at the scene of action in England, and the author easily carries the reader through to the end by his graceful style of telling historical facts.

The typographical appearance and press-work of the book is most excellent, and with its uncut edges and ample margins is pleasant for a book-lover to behold. So many valuable documents are quoted and citations given, that it seems strange there should be no index, which would much enhance the value of the book, for it must become a reference book for future gleaners in this field.

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*The First Epic of Our Country, by the Poet Conquistador of New Mexico, Captain Gaspar de Villagr .* By JOHN GILMARY SHEA. 8vo. pp. 16.

*Oration on the Death of Gen. George Washington.* Addressed to the Catholic Congregation of St. Mary's Church of Albany. By the Rev. MATTHEW O'BRIEN, Pastor of the Same. For February 22, 1800, the day appointed by Congress. From the Albany "Gazette," February 27, 1800. 8vo. pp. 8.

*Account of the Voyage of the Ursulines to New Orleans in 1727.* Translated by JOHN GILMARY SHEA. From the edition of the Original Manuscript printed in Shea's Cramoisy Series, 1829. 8vo. pp. 14.

*Decreta Concilii Provincialis. Oregonensis I. Sancti Pauli habita diebus, 28-29 Februarii et 1 Martii, 1848.* 8vo. pp. 7.

A glance at the four titles enumerated above will furnish tangible evidence that Dr. Shea, who for the past thirty years has been the great historical student in the field of Roman Catholic literature, is still doing yeoman service in his chosen field. No words can add to the reputation he has made already as a careful and intelligent recorder of events relating to the establishment of the Roman hierarchy in America. These four tracts are contributions he makes to that history, and they are not only valuable as records, but interesting for perusal. This is particularly so with the "Account of the Voyage of the Ursulines to New Orleans in 1727," an early journal of a transatlantic pilgrimage. The "First Epic of Our Country," by Captain Gaspar de Villagr , a descriptive poem of thirty-four cantos, published in 1610, and relating in Castilian measures the Conquest of New Mexico. The sermon by Rev. Matthew O'Brien, D.D., on the "Death of George Washington," is a patriotic tribute to the first president.

By Charles E. Banks, M.D., of Portland, Me.

*A History of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations with Persia.* Marietta, Ohio: E. R. Alderman & Sons, Printers. 1887. 8vo. pp. 55.

This work is "compiled mainly from the official records and communications of the United States Government and from contemporary writings." In 1880, when the Koords invaded Persia, though there was then a treaty between that country and the United States, we had no diplomatic relations with it. The American Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions had for some time a mission station at Oroomiah, a point attacked by the Koords. Though the missionaries were not molested by the invaders, this fact excited the hostility of the Persians. The Hon. Rufus R. Dawes, a member elect of the 47th Congress, whose sister, the wife of the Rev. Dr. J. H. Shedd, was with her husband, a missionary at Oroomiah, wrote on the 20th of November, 1880, to Mr. Evarts, the Secretary of State at Washington, requesting that measures for the protection of the missionaries be taken. The British government was asked to extend its good offices in behalf of our countrymen, which was readily granted.

In February, 1882, two months after Mr. Dawes took his seat in Congress, he introduced a resolution of inquiry on the subject of diplomatic relations with Persia, and subsequently brought forward a bill to establish such relations. It met with obstacles, but Mr. Dawes pursued the matter with persistency, and overcoming many obstacles, had the satisfaction of seeing in August, 1883, the bill passed by Congress and signed by the President. The first minister to Persia under this act was Hon. Samuel G. W. Benjamin, who has since published two works on Persia.

The work before us contains letters and other documents, giving a particular history of this interesting subject. Mr. Dawes has prefixed this address to his



children: "It has seemed desirable that the records and papers here published should be placed in your hands in compact and durable form. The principal labor in preparing the papers has been assumed by your Mother."

*Life of Amos A. Lawrence, with extracts from his Diary and Correspondence.* By his son WILLIAM LAWRENCE. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. 1888. 8vo. pp. x.+289. Price \$1.50.

This volume is an interesting and well-written memoir of an esteemed and prominent citizen, who while sustaining as a business man of marked ability and unswerving integrity the reputation of his father and uncles, was characterized by patriotism, public spirit, and an unselfish interest in the welfare of others. In his boyhood he spent some years at the old homestead of the Lawrences, in Groton, and had a love of nature and of country life, which he preserved throughout all his active and useful career. Graduating at Harvard University in 1835, he then resolved, as his journal records, to be a merchant, but at the same time to be something more, and in the midst of many responsibilities and cares he was always ready to give his time, as well as his means, to the sustaining of worthy institutions, and to the furtherance of beneficent purposes. The chapters relating to the great struggle in Kansas between freedom and slavery are of historical value, and Mr. Lawrence, as treasurer of the Massachusetts Emigrant Aid Association, did as much, if not more than any other individual to place Kansas in the list of free states, often supplying thousands of dollars to save the cause from failure, and devoting all his energies to it. In recognition of his services, the city of Lawrence, in Kansas, was named for him, and the people of that state would gladly have shown him other honors. Conservative by nature, he was ever ready to use all lawful and honorable means to accomplish what he believed the best interests of the country demanded, but manfully withstood whatever was unlawful, and disloyal to the constitution. During the war Mr. Lawrence took an active part in public affairs, and did all in his power for the preservation of the Union by assisting in the raising of troops, and in many other ways. He was the founder of Lawrence University in Wisconsin, and an early benefactor of the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, to which he presented the fine building known as Lawrence Hall, with the land on which it stands. The erection of Memorial Hall at Harvard University was due largely to his efforts, and with his brother William he built the Church of Our Saviour at Longwood. Limited space will not permit us to refer to his many other good works, nor to the events of his amiable private life. We cannot close this brief notice without mentioning that the memoir contains numerous extracts from his Journal, which he kept from boyhood, and that these add much to the interest of the book.

The volume is enriched with two portraits of Mr. Lawrence, and with views of several buildings, and it is hardly necessary to say that it is admirably printed, and presents an attractive appearance.

Mr. William Lawrence has most ably and faithfully discharged his filial duty as the biographer of his worthy father.

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*Proceedings of the Thirty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. With the Thirty-Fourth Annual Report of the Executive Committee, and Prof. James D. Butler's Memorial Address on Alexander Mitchell.* Madison, Wis.: Democrat Printing Company. 1888. 8vo. pp. 65. With a portrait of Hon. Alexander Mitchell.

The Wisconsin Historical Society is one of the most active and successful historical societies in this country. Its library now contains 60,722 volumes and 62,737 pamphlets, gathered in thirty-four years. The Society has long made a specialty of collecting western newspapers and historical manuscript relating to the west. The number of bound volumes of newspapers of all kinds in the library is 5,240. A new department has been instituted during the last year, that of Wisconsin authorship, and an effort has been made to collect the works of natives and residents of that State, in order to form "a permanent exposition of the products of Wisconsin intellect." This project has met with remarkable success.

The State of Wisconsin now furnishes the Society accommodations for its library in the State Capitol, but as that building cannot be enlarged without marring its symmetry, the executive committee of the Society look to a not far distant future when their collections will need to be housed in a separate building fitted especially for their uses, and not dependent on the bounty of the State. "The hopes of the Society," they say, "should set strongly in the direction of adequate endowment

by private munificence, that we may be better enabled to serve the public by ceasing to be a pensioner on its bounty." They state that "public benefactions of this character have been peculiarly numerous throughout the United States during 1887," and cite many examples in different parts of the Union, among them those of three members of the Society that publishes the REGISTER, namely, James Phinney Baxter, to the Maine Historical Society and the Portland Public Library; Frederick H. Kinde, to the City of Cambridge; and Jonas G. Clark, to the Clark University at Worcester. We hope that the Wisconsin Historical Society will before long have a building of its own adequate to its present and prospective wants, and that it will continue to add to its historical treasures in the same ratio as in the past, and even greater.

*Southern Historical Society Papers, Vol. XV. Paroles of the Army of Northern Virginia, R. E. Lee, General Confederate States Army, Commanding, Surrendered at Appomattox Court-house, April 9, 1865, to Lieutenant General U. S. Grant, Commanding Armies of the United States. Now first printed from the duplicate originals in the Archives of the Southern Historical Society. Edited, with Introduction, by R. A. Brock, Secretary of the Southern Historical Society, Richmond, Va. Published by the Society. 1887. 8vo. pp. 508.*

The place in human history occupied by the Confederate States was earned by the achievements of its soldiers. However wise was its statesmanship, its legislation or its jurisprudence, the interest of mankind has centred upon the gallant and heroic career of its armies, and there it will remain. Most opportune and worthy is this handsomely and plainly printed volume, placing upon record the names of the final actors in the momentous struggle and the several positions they each held. As the noble families of England trace their descent from the roll of Battle Abbey, so future generations at the South will point, with proud satisfaction, to the name of their ancestor on this parole list.

In the Secretary of the Southern Historical Society, Mr. R. A. Brock, the compilation, as he modestly terms it, secured the service of an accomplished editor, who has added to the dry and barren character of such long lists an introduction explanatory of the history of the Parole, and the events immediately preceding and succeeding the surrender; foot notes, where needed, give intelligent explanation, and a copious index, itself of ten closely printed pages, crowns the work. No library of works on the late war can be complete without this volume, which we commend to historical students as valuable for its reliability and accuracy.

*By George A. Gordon, A.M., of Somerville, Mass.*

*Memorial of James Thompson, of Charlestown, Mass., 1630-1642, and Woburn, Mass., 1642-1682; and of Eight Generations of his Descendants. By Rev. LEANDER THOMPSON, A.M. Boston: Press of L. Barta & Co. 1887. 8vo. pp. 246. For sale by the Thompson Memorial Association, E. E. Thompson, Sec'y, Woburn, Mass. Price \$3.*

The Thompson Memorial is a history of one branch of this quite common name. The immigrant James Thompson was one of the earliest settlers and a member of the first board of selectmen of the town of Woburn. His son Jonathan Thompson was the first male school teacher employed under the authority of the town; and Woburn's most distinguished native, and the most eminent member of the family, is Benjamin Thompson, Count Rumford. This celebrated man was born in Woburn, March 26, 1753, and died in Paris, France, August 21, 1814. His birth-place, still standing in that part of the town known as North Woburn, was purchased by the Rumford Historical Association, organized in 1877, and is now the depository of a library and whatever illustrates his career or times.

Other members of this essentially Woburn family of Thompsons have been distinguished and useful citizens—notably Samuel Thompson, Esquire, who died in Woburn, August 17, 1820, aged 88; chronicler, soldier, deacon, public officer, land-surveyor and magistrate; much employed in his day on important town and state business, and a man of extensive local influence. His numerous papers and manuscripts, still preserved, are a mine of information. [See REGISTER, xxxiv. 397-401.]

The style of the work is a model of literary excellence: its plan is simple and clear, and is well adapted to the narrative style of composition adopted, which adds greatly to its interest to the average reader. Another improvement in this work commends itself to genealogists. The expense of publication is shared altogether

by a family association, and the author is relieved of all responsibility beyond the preparation of his manuscript and overseeing its passage through the press.

The book contains a number of illustrations, is well printed and indexed, and is a credit to all who have been connected with its publication.

*By William R. Cutter, Librarian of Woburn Public Library.*

*Rhode Island Census, 1885.* AMOS PERRY, Superintendent of the Census. Providence: E. L. Freeman & Son. 1887. 8vo. pp. 649.

Those who use this book will find here all the statistics that one expects to find in such reports. The tables and observations concerning the population, manufactures, agriculture, fisheries and vital statistics of Rhode Island show that Mr. Perry has done this part of his work in the most thorough and conscientious manner. No one will fail to find here all the information on these subjects that is required. But they will find much more. One of the most striking additions to the usual census reports is that relating to the history and topography of the state. "The superintendent of the Census," Mr. Perry informs us, "is required to furnish such an account of the natural features of the state and of its historical events as will throw light on the statistical tables given in subsequent pages. This is doubtless because certain natural features and historical events have a direct bearing on the results that appear in the tables, and should therefore be brought to view in connection with them. As we should not try to understand the social and industrial statistics of a foreign country without the lights of geography and history, we are not disposed to try the experiment at home. The hills, valleys, streams and waterfalls; the climate, soil and ample harbors, offering various advantages for commerce, agriculture and manufactures, as well as its early commercial spirit and enterprises, have exerted and will continue to exert a strong influence in determining the character and policy of the state." As in the purely statistical portion of this volume, so also in his report on these other subjects, Mr. Perry has shown industry, fidelity and zeal. The book may confidently be referred to as a model Census Report.

*The Founders of Ohio. Brief Sketches of the Forty-Eight Pioneers, who under Command of General Rufus Putnam landed at the mouth of Muskingum River on the Seventh of April, 1788, and commenced the first White Settlement in the North-West Territory.* Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1886. 8vo. pp. 28.

The title-page shows the contents of this pamphlet. It gives much information that will interest those who attend the centenary commemoration at Marietta on the 7th of this month, as well as others who wish to learn the history of the settlement of the old North-West Territory.

*A Few Incidents in the Life of Professor James P. Espy.* By his niece, Mrs. L. M. MOREHEAD. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co., Printers. 1888. 12mo. pp. 23.

Prof. Espy's "Theory of Storms" was broached about half a century ago. It attracted much attention from the scientific world as well as from the general public, and had an important influence on the study of meteorology. The late Prof. Joseph Henry, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, remarked to Mrs. Morehead: "There is no question in my mind that Prof. Espy should be considered the father of the present signal service of the United States, his 'Theory of Storms' having led the way to its establishment and present success." The book before us preserves many interesting incidents in the life of this public benefactor.

*Celebrations of the Thirty-Sixth and Thirty-Seventh Anniversaries of the Admission of California into the Union, by the Society of California Pioneers, held at Sausalito, Marin County, September 9, 1886, and at Camp Taylor, Marin County, September 9, 1887.* San Francisco: Frank Eastman & Co., Printers. 1887. 8vo. pp. 49.

The proceedings of the Society of California Pioneers at these celebrations, which are printed in this pamphlet, are very interesting. At that in 1886 a poem, "The Pioneers of '49," by Mr. F. E. Cheever, was read by him. In 1887, a poem, "Argonaut Memories," by Col. G. Douglas Brewerton, was read, and an oration was delivered by Hon. Thomas H. Laine. Speeches, banquets and dancing also enlivened the occasions.

*Genealogy of the Sharpless Family, descended from John and Jane Shorpleess, settlers near Chester, Pennsylvania, 1682, together with an Account of the English Ancestry of the Family.* Compiled by GILBERT COPE. Published for the Family under the auspices of the Bicentennial Committee, Philadelphia. 1887. 4to. pp. 1333.

*A History and Genealogy of the Conant Family in England and America, Thirteen Generations. 1520-1887.* By FREDERICK ODELL CONANT. Privately printed. Portland, Maine. 1887. 8vo. pp. xvi.+640. Price \$5.00 in cloth, or \$5.35 postpaid.

*Pedigree of Ludlow of Hill Deverill, co. Wilts.* Tabular pedigree 16½ in. by 21½ in. Privately printed in 1884.

*A History of the Dorchester Pope Family, 1634-1888. With Sketches of other Popes in England and America.* By CHARLES HENRY POPE. Boston: Published by the Author at 79 Franklin St. 1888. 8vo. pp. 340. Price \$3.50.

*The Family of John Stone, one of the first Settlers of Guilford, Conn.* By WILLIAM L. STONE, 2d. Albany: Joel Munsell's Sons. 1888. pp. 184. Price \$3.

*The Nicoll Family of Orange County, New York.* Sm. 4to. pp. 62. Douglas Taylor, Printer, New York. 1886. Privately printed.

*Genealogy of the Andrews of Taunton and Stoughton, Mass., descendants of John and Hannah Andrews, of Boston, Massachusetts, 1656 to 1886.* Compiled by Lieut. GEORGE ANDREWS, U. S. Army, Adjutant of 25th Infantry. 1887. 8vo. pp. 156. Price in cloth \$1.50, in paper \$1.25.

*Ancestry and Descendants of Lewis Dodd and Elizabeth (Baldwin) Dodd.* C. C. BALDWIN, Cleveland, O. 8vo. pp. 11. Privately printed. 1887.

*Pedigree of King, of Salem, Essex County, Mass., 1595-1887. Five Lines of Descent.* Traced by RUFUS KING. 1887. Tabular Pedigree. 100 copies printed.

*Elder John Prince, of Hull, Mass. A Memorial, Biographical and Genealogical.* By GEORGE PRINCE. 12mo. pp. 32. Published by the Author. 1888.

*Descendants of Henry Hutchinson.* Compiled by EDMUND D. BARBOUR. Boston: 1888. Tabular Pedigree.

*Some Merriams and Their Connection with other Families.* By RUFUS N. MERRIAM, Worcester, Mass.: Private, Press of Franklin P. Rice. 1888. 8vo. pp. 52.

*Dart Genealogy.* By WILLIAM C. SHARPE. Seymour, Conn.: Record Steam Print. 1888. 12mo. pp. 16.

*Genealogy of the Jenks Family of Newport, N. H.* Compiled by GEORGE E. JENKS, of Concord, N. H.

*Proceedings of the first Munson Family Reunion, held in the City of New Haven, Wednesday, August 17, 1887.* New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, Printers. 1887. 8vo. pp. 88.

*Historical Address at the First Munson Family Reunion, August 17, 1887.* New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor. 1887. 8vo. pp. 56.

*The Early Caldwells, Nottingham, England.* By AUGUSTINE CALDWELL. Ipswich, Mass. 1888. Broadside 9½ in. by 18 in.

*Genealogy of Thomas Pope (1608-1693) and some of his Descendants.* By FRANKLIN LEONARD POPE. Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son. 1888. 8vo. pp. 22.

We continue in this number our quarterly notices of recent publications.

The first book on our list, a bulky volume of over thirteen hundred pages, is on the Sharpless family. The American family is descended from John Sharpless, who settled in Pennsylvania in 1682. One of the earliest genealogies printed in this country was an account of this family, by Joseph Sharpless, published in 1816. The present book is by Gilbert Cope, of West Chester, Pa., an experienced genealogist, author of several valuable works. The bicentenary of the settlement of John Sharpless in America, was celebrated at West Chester, Pa., August 24, 1882, less than six years ago, on which occasion a resolution was passed appointing a committee to "prepare and publish a memorial of the event and an extension of the genealogy." The professional services of Mr. Cope, who "by years of research had collected such complete" genealogical data relating to this family "as could no where else be found in the state," were engaged for this work, and the volume before us is evidence that the selection of the committee was the best that could be made. At one of the meetings of the committee it was voted that the services of Henry Fishwick, F.S.A., an able English antiquary, should be engaged to make researches into the early history of the family prior to the emigration. Col. Fishwick, besides furnishing other information, wrote a chapter on the Sharpless Family of Lancashire, England, which Mr. Cope has here printed. In 1878, a few years

before the bicentenary commemoration, Mr. Henry W. Sharpless, of Philadelphia, employed the late Col. Joseph L. Chester, D.C.L., to make an investigation, and his report is also printed in this volume. Mr. Cope has used other materials relating to the history of the English family. The American portion of the work is very fully carried out, descendants in the female as well as the male line being included. The biography, as well as the genealogy of the family, is deserving of praise for its fulness and minuteness. The book is handsomely printed on heavy white paper, with large type and a wide margin. It is illustrated with well executed views, fac-similes of ancient documents, plans and portraits. It is a good example of what can be done by a family to preserve its history by a liberal outlay of money with the assistance of a competent genealogist. The book has a very full index.

The next book, the Conant genealogy, is mainly devoted to the descendants of Roger Conant, a prominent character in the early history of New England, of whom a memoir by the late Rev. Joseph B. Felt, LL.D., was printed in the *REGISTER* for July and October, 1848. Roger Conant was a native of East Budleigh in Devonshire where he was baptized, April 9, 1592. A brother of Roger, the Rev. John Conant, rector of Lymington, was distinguished as a Puritan divine and author. Mr. Conant has caused recent researches to be made in England, and has been fortunate in the antiquary employed and in the results he has obtained. New and interesting matter concerning Roger Conant, his ancestors and other kindred, has been obtained. The author has been collecting, as his leisure afforded him time, for the last nine years, materials for the genealogy of the Conant family, and four years ago, published in tabular form a "Pedigree of the Conant Family," embracing "eight generations and giving the names of about six hundred descendants of Roger Conant." This pedigree was noticed by us in April, 1884. The book now before us, a handsome octavo of about six hundred and fifty pages, contains the records of 837 families, descendants of Roger Conant, besides records of descendants of George Conant, who came from Exeter, England, about the year 1716, and settled at Plymouth, Mass., and a number of families by the names of Connet, Connett and Connit, whose ancestry has not been traced beyond the last century. The book shows excellent taste, and great industry in the collection of facts. It is arranged substantially on the *REGISTER* plan and has full indexes of the Conants, of other surnames and of places. It is illustrated with facsimiles of three ancient documents, namely, an indenture, dated Nov. 25, 1529, a document in the handwriting and bearing the signature of Roger Conant, and the will of his son Lot, signed by him as a witness. It has also views of places in England with which the Conants were associated, many portraits, numerous facsimiles of autographs and other embellishments.

The Ludlow tabular pedigree was compiled by Messrs. G. D. Scull and Henry Hungerford Ludlow-Bruges. The family has an interest for both Englishmen and Americans, the famous Edmund Ludlow being a member, as was also Roger Ludlow deputy governor of Massachusetts in its early colonial days. A portion of this table has been reduced to *REGISTER* form and is printed in the present number of the *REGISTER* among Waters's Gleanings.

The Pope Genealogy, though intended for a history of the Popes of Dorchester, has an appendix devoted to other families of that name and "Notes upon several intermarrying families." The article on the Plymouth Popes by Mr. Franklin L. Pope in the *REGISTER* for January has been reprinted here. The author of this book, the Rev. Charles H. Pope, has been indefatigable in collecting facts, and has visited England in pursuit of genealogical information, with gratifying results. The Rev. Mr. Pope has arranged the material so laboriously collected in a clear and intelligent manner, and has had it printed in a handsome octavo volume with clear type and good paper. The book is well indexed. A view of the "New Hospital in Plymouth," which stood till the year 1859, and in which the colony that settled at Dorchester, Mass., kept "a solemn day of fasting," in March, 1629-30, previous to their embarkation for New England, makes a frontispiece to the volume.

The Stone genealogy is devoted to the descendants of John Stone, an early settler of Guilford, Ct. Among the distinguished personages belonging to this family was the late Col. William Leete Stone, editor of the *New York Commercial Advertiser*, and author of the *Life of Brant* and other biographical and historical works. The author of the present work is William Leete Stone, 2d, son of the preceding, himself a well known historical writer. The book is well written, full in details and clear in its arrangement. It is handsomely printed by Messrs. Joel Munsell's Sons, of Albany, N. Y., and is embellished by a portrait of Col. Stone and views of the Old

Stone House in Guilford, said to have been built in 1639. The publishers have a few copies on hand after supplying subscribers, which they will sell for the present at the subscription price, three dollars.

The book on the Nicoll family was compiled by the late Chief Engineer William N. Nicoll, U.S.N., who died July 2, 1887. It was privately printed for distribution among his friends. It is a well prepared book, elegantly printed, and illustrated by views of residences and facsimiles of autographs. Only a small edition was printed.

The Andrews Memorial, by Lieut Andrews, U.S.A., of Fort Snelling, Minn., is devoted to the history of John Andrews, of Boston, Mass., and his descendants. The basis of this book, as the author informs us, is a record in an old Family Bible, which says: "John Andrews a sea-cooper, from Wales, came to America about the year 1663, married Susannah White in Boston, by whom he had John, Samuel and Edmond." The information found in the Bible record is printed here in tabular form. Lieut. Andrews by his researches has extended this brief pedigree, so as to give us the names and records of nearly nine hundred descendants. The records of many of the individuals are very full. The book is well arranged, well printed and well indexed.

The Dodd book which is privately printed was partly reprinted from the Supplement to Judge Baldwin's book on the Baldwin Family. This Supplement is now in press. The book before us is embellished with a portrait of B. L. Dodd, A.M., M.D., who prefaces the reprint with an address to his relatives.

The King pedigree is a large table 22 in. by 27½ in. in size, folded and secured in a portfolio. It is devoted to the descendants of William and Dorothy King, of Salem, on whose children, Mr. Waters wrote an article for the Essex Institute, in 1880, which was reprinted as a pamphlet. Five lines of descent are carried out in this table, which is the work of Mr. Rufus King, of Yonkers, N. Y., who has bestowed much time in investigating this family.

The memorial of Elder John Prince and his descendants relates to a family of whom the most distinguished member was the Rev. Thomas Prince, pastor of the Old South Church and compiler of the New England Chronology. A tabular pedigree of this family, by Samuel G. Drake, the historian of Boston, was printed in the REGISTER for October, 1851. The author of this book, Mr. George Prince, a skillful antiquary, has added much to the information contained in Mr. Drake's article, and has brought down the lines to the present time.

The Hutchinson tabular pedigree is on a sheet 14½ in. by 24 in., and is folded and enclosed in a portfolio. It gives the descendants of Henry Hutchinson, of Boston, born 1763, died 1833, to the fifth generation. Mr. Barbour the compiler is a grandson.

The title of the next work, "Some Meriams and their connection with other Families," truly represents the contents of the pamphlet. It gives the genealogical record of various families by that name in this country, and shows their connection with those of other surnames. Much matter relating to their family history is here collected and arranged and compactly printed.

The Dart pamphlet is by Mr. William C. Sharpe, author of genealogies of the Seymour and Sharp families. It was prepared at the request of the descendants of Joseph Dart of Stratford, Ct. The earliest person of the name in this country, here recorded, is Richard Dart, who was at New London, Ct., as early as 1644, some of whose descendants are here given.

The Jenks pamphlet is devoted to one branch of the descendants of Joseph Jenks, the ingenious mechanic, of whom an account by his distinguished descendant, the Rev. William Jenks, D.D., is printed in the REGISTER, vol. ix. pp. 201-6. The line here traced descends from Jeremiah Jenks of the sixth generation, who settled at Newport, N. H., just previous to the Revolution. The author was formerly one of the proprietors of the *New Hampshire Statesman*.

A reunion of the Munson family was held at New Haven last fall, it being the quarter millenary of the arrival in New England of the emigrant ancestor of this family, Lieut. Thomas Munson. The next pamphlet in this list contains the proceedings on that interesting occasion. The Historical Address was by the Rev. Myron A. Munson, M.A. It gave a full and interesting memoir of Lieut. Munson, and sketches of some of his more distinguished descendants, a contribution not only to the history of the family, but also to that of the Colony.

The next pamphlet contains the Rev. Mr. Munson's Historical Address, reprinted from the preceding.

The broadside on the Early Caldwells is by the Rev. Augustine Caldwell, pastor of the church at Coventryville, N. Y., whose praiseworthy work in preserving materials

for the history of Ipswich, Mass., has more than once been commended in these pages. It is in the form of a letter from the Rev. Mr. Caldwell, dated Nottingham, England, Aug. 20, 1885, to his friends at home. It gives an account of his visit to various parts of England, and preserves the genealogical facts concerning the Caldwells which he gathered while there.

The Pope pamphlet is a reprint from the REGISTER for January.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TO MARCH 1, 1888.

### I. Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.

Collections of the Bostonian Society. Vol. I. No. 2. Abel Bowen. By William Henry Whitmore. Price seventy-five cents. Boston: Old State House. 1887. 8vo. pp. 56+.

Prytaneum Bostoniense.—Examination of Mr. William H. Whitmore's Old State House Memorial, and reply to his Appendix N. By George H. Moore, LL.D. Second edition, with additions. Boston: Cupples, Upham & Co. The Old Corner Book Store. 1887. 8vo. pp. 40.

Groton Historical Series. Vol. II. No. 1. A list of representatives from the town of Concord from the Colonial period to the present time, with the dates of their election and terms of service, including also the names of certain other officers, 1672-1887. Groton, Mass. 1887. 8vo. pp. 38.

The Colonial Laws of Massachusetts. Reprinted from the edition of 1672, with the supplements through 1686. Published by order of the City Council of Boston, under the supervision of William H. Whitmore, Record Commissioner. Containing a new and complete Index. Boston. 1887. 8vo. pp. 395.

Christianity the Key to the Character and Career of Washington. A discourse delivered before the ladies of the Mt. Vernon Association of the Union at Pohick Church, Truro Parish, Fairfax County, Virginia, on the thirtieth day of May, 1886. By Philip Slaughter, D.D., Historiographer of the Diocese of Virginia. New York: Thomas Whittaker, 2 and 3 Bible House. 8vo. pp. 48.

Diary and Orderly Book of Sergeant Jonathan Burton of Wilton, N. H., while in service in the army on Winter Hill, December 10, 1775-January 26, 1776; and of the same soldier as Lieutenant Jonathan Burton, while in the Canada Expedition at Mount Independence, August 1, 1776-November 29, 1776. Compiled and edited by Isaac W. Hammond, A.M. Concord, N. H.: Republican Press Association, 22 North Main Street. 1885. 8vo. pp. 38.

Inscriptions from the old Burying Ground at Lynnfield Centre. Copied by John T. Moulton. 8vo. pp. 11.

Sketch of Journalism in Fitchburg, Mass., by James F. D. Garfield. Fitchburg: Press of Blanchard and Brown. 1888. 8vo. pp. 24.

The History of Milton, Mass. 1640 to 1887. Edited by A. K. Teele. [1887] 8vo. pp. 668.

### II. Other Publications.

History of the Handel and Haydn Society, founded A.D. 1815. From May 26, 1851, to May 29, 1865. By John S. Dwight. Vol. I. No. 3, containing chapters iv. to vii. Boston: Alfred Mudge & Son, Printers, 24 Franklin Street. 1887. 8vo. pp. 150-235, xv.

Record History and Description of the Bennington Battle Monument, and the ceremonies at the laying of the Corner Stone. August 16, 1887. Published by C. A. Pierce. Bennington, Vt. Folio, pp. 16.

History of the West Roxbury Park.—How obtained, disregard of private rights, absolute injustice, arbitrary laws, rights of eminent domain, 1873 to 1887. Gloucester: Cape Ann Breeze Steam Book and Job Print. 1887. pp. 103.

Address in commemoration of the life and services of Charles Francis Adams, delivered in the Stone Temple at Quincy, 4th July, 1887, by William Everett. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1887. 8vo. pp. 114.

Proceedings of the Maine Historical Society on the occasion of a complimentary dinner to James Ware Bradbury, LL.D., President of the Society, on his eighty-fifth birthday, June 10, 1887. Portland: Printed for the Maine Historical Society. 1887. 8vo. pp. 56.

Tributes of the Massachusetts Historical Society to Francis E. Parker. Privately printed. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1887. 8vo. pp. 72.

Constitutions, By-Laws, Officers and Members of the Saint Nicholas Club of the City of New York, 1887-88. Club House, 415 Fifth Avenue. Sq. 8vo. pp. 45.

Journals of the Military Expedition of Major General John Sullivan against the Six Nations of Indians in 1779, with records of Centennial Celebrations, prepared pursuant to Chapter 361, Laws of the State of New York of 1885. By Frederick Cook, Secretary of State. Auburn, N. Y.: Knapp, Peck & Thompson, Printers. 8vo. pp. 579.

Documents relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York. Edited by Berthold Fernow. State Archives, Vol. I. Albany, N. Y.: Weed, Parsons & Company, Printers. 1887. 8vo. pp. 636.

Sixty-seventh, Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth Annual Reports of the Trustees of the New York State Library for the years 1884, 1885 and 1886. Albany, N. Y.: The Argus Company Printers. 1887. 8vo.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Twenty-third Annual Catalogue of the Officers and Students, with a statement of the course of instruction, and a list of the Alumni. 1887-1888. Boston: Thomas Todd, Printer. Congregational House, corner Beacon and Somerset Streets. 1887. 8vo. pp. 164.

Transactions and Reports of the Nebraska State Historical Society. Vol. II. Lincoln, Neb.: State Journal, Printers. 1887. 8vo.

The Dahlgren Shell-Gun and its Services during the late Civil War. By C. B. Dahlgren. Trenton, N. J. 1887. 8vo. pp. 23.

Historical Address by Frederick Chase, Esq., and Oration by the Hon. George Hoadly, LL.D. Delivered before the Phi Beta Kappa Society of Dartmouth College at its Centennial Anniversary, June 29, 1887. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1887. 8vo. pp. 59.

Report of the Commissioners appointed to ascertain and establish the true jurisdictional line between Massachusetts and New Hampshire to the New Hampshire Legislature. June session, 1887. Manchester: John B. Clarke, Public Printer. 1887. 8vo. pp. 20.

The Monroe Doctrine. A concise history of its origin and growth. By George F. Tucker. Boston: Published by George B. Reed, Law Bookseller and Publisher. 1885. 8vo. pp. 138.

Address of J. H. Montgomery, Esq., at the Centennial Celebration of the town of Penobscot, September 14, 1887. Camden: Herald Print. 1887. 8vo. pp. 10.

Proceedings at the Celebration of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Dedham, Massachusetts, September 21, 1886. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1887. 8vo. pp. 214.

Life of Josiah Meigs. By his great-grandson, Wm. M. Meigs. Philadelphia. 1887. 8vo. pp. 132.

Minutes of the Seventy-eighth Annual Meeting of the General Association of the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches of New Hampshire, held at Keene, September 13, 14 and 15, 1887. Eighty-sixth Annual Report of the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society. Haverhill, N. H.: Printed at Cohos Steam Press.

Bulletin of the Boston Public Library. Autumn number. 1887. Vol. VII. No. 4. Whole No. 75.

Catalogue of the Officers and Alumni of Rutgers College (originally Queen's College) in New Brunswick, N. J., 1770 to 1885. Trenton, N. J.: John L. Murphy, Printer. 1885. 8vo. pp. 132.



A Commemorative Discourse on the Life and Character of Prof. Charles Edward Hamlin, LL.D. Delivered in the Chapel of Colby University, July 5, 1887. By Rev. Francis W. Bakeman, D.D. Portland: Printed by B. Thurston & Company. 1887.

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Additions and Corrections to History of Bowdoin College. 8vo. pp. 909-933.

General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine. Sixty-first Anniversary, Maine Missionary Society. Eightieth Anniversary. Held with the South Church, Augusta, June 14th, 15th, 16th, 1887. Portland: B. Thurston & Co., Printers. 1887. 8vo. pp. 244.

Papers of the Historical Society of Delaware. VI. Minutes of the Council of the Delaware State, from 1776 to 1792. The Historical Society of Delaware, Wilmington. 1887. 8vo. pp. 1278.

Biographical Sketch of John G. Deane, and brief mention of his connection with the Northwestern Boundary of Maine. Copied by permission from the records of the Maine Historical Society; also, Memoranda about members of the family, old residents of the City of Ellsworth, Maine, etc. Prepared by and printed for his son, Llewellyn Deane, June, 1885, for private use. Washington, D. C.: R. Beresford, Printer. 1887. 8vo. pp. 70.

Fifth Biennial Report of the Board of Directors of the Kansas State Historical Society. Presented to the Society at its Eleventh Annual Meeting, held at Topeka, January 18, 1887. Topeka, Kansas: Kansas Publishing House, Clifford C. Baker, State Printer. 1887. 8vo. pp. 109.

Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Buffalo Historical Society, Jan. 11, 1887, and the Society's Proceedings. Buffalo: Published by order of the Society. 1887. 8vo. pp. 57.

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Papers of the California Historical Society, Vol. I. Part II. History of the College of California, by Samuel H. Willey, D.D. San Francisco: California Historical Society. 1887. 8vo. pp. 440.

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Avery Plumer. A Memorial Sermon preached at the Old South Church, by the Rev. George A. Gordon. Boston: Press of T. R. Marvin & Son. 1887. 8vo. pp. 15.

Alpheus Hardy. A Memorial Address. Old South, Boston, October 28, 1887. By the Rev. George A. Gordon. Boston: Press of T. R. Marvin & Son. 1887. 8vo. pp. 12.

The Cartographical History of the North Eastern Boundary Controversy between the United States and Great Britain. By Justin Winsor. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1887. 8vo. pp.

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Royal Historical Society. The teaching of history in Schools. An address delivered Oct. 22, 1887. By Oscar Browning, F. R. Historical Society, together with a report of the conference on the teaching of history in schools. London: Longmans, Green & Co., and New York, 15 East 16th Street. 1887. 8vo. pp. 20.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

GEORGE W. MARSHALL, LL.D., ROUGE CROIX PURSUIVANT IN THE COLLEGE OF ARMS.—As a member of the Committee on Heraldry of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, I wish to add a few words to the notice of this gentleman in the last number, particularly as he has long been agreeably associated with this Society, as well as with the learned associations of Great Britain. He has been a constant contributor to the chief antiquarian magazines of the old world, and has occasionally favored the columns of our own REGISTER.

His work, "The Genealogist's Guide," is invaluable as an index in looking up the early history of families in Great Britain, pointing out as it does the chief printed works and articles that should be consulted. As a mark of appreciation, some time since this Society appointed him one of its representatives at the celebration of the eight hundredth anniversary of the completion of the Domesday Book. Among the many signs of his popularity in his own country, another honor, as was stated in the last number of this periodical, has recently been conferred upon him by His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk, as hereditary Earl Marshal, by his appointment of Mr. Marshall to the position of Rouge Croix Pursuivant.

The creation of the office of Rouge Croix is of considerable antiquity, having been one of the official acts of Henry the 5th; it was in existence more than half a century before the College of Heralds, which Richard the 3d established for his Heralds on March 2d, 1483.

Among the persons of distinction which have filled this position in the past I shall mention only a few names, as follows:

Thomas Benolte, who was advanced to the rank of Windsor Herald and finally honored by being created Norroy King at Arms. In 1528-9 he received a commission for making heraldic visitations, and to him we are indebted for the earliest works on this subject.

John Gwillim was also Rouge Croix. He is particularly identified with the work known as "The Display of Heraldry," to which his name is prefixed.

William Dugdale, the friend of Henry Spelman, entered the College of Arms first as Blanch Lion Pursuivant Extraordinary, from this post promoted as Rouge Croix Pursuivant, advanced as Chester Herald, then Norroy King at Arms, and finally on May 24, 1677, was solemnly created Garter, Principal King at Arms, and on the following day received the honor of Knighthood. He will always be remembered by those celebrated antiquarian works, "Monasticon Anglicanum" and "The Baronage of England."

Peter le Neve held this position before becoming Richmond Herald, and Norroy King at Arms; the latter honor was conferred upon him in 1764. To him we are indebted for the careful preservation of the Paston Letters of the reigns of Henry 6th, Edward 4th and Richard 3d, and from his accurate and extensive knowledge he was chosen the first president of the learned Society of Antiquaries upon its revival in 1717.

Besides these members of the college it seems appropriate that I should mention, William Segar, the learned Camden, Elias Ashmole, Thomas Glover, Francis Sandford, Francis Grose and Joseph Edmundson, all of whom held official positions in the College of Arms, and whose works to-day are among the chief authorities to be consulted on antiquarian subjects.

The appointment of George W. Marshall, LL.D., to the position of Rouge Croix Pursuivant, must be an undoubted pleasure to his many friends, and, I trust, without neglecting the duties of his office, he will still have time to use his pen for the benefit of the general public, as well as giving to individuals the opportunities of availing themselves of his valued services in bringing to light many of the unpublished manuscripts of the College, relating to Heraldry, History and Genealogy, which no doubt he will be willing to do, as the emoluments of the office depend to a considerable extent on private researches.

A. D. WELD FRENCH.

MEDICAL HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.—This work is in preparation by Irving A. Watson, A.M., M.D., Concord, N. H., Secretary of the New Hampshire State Board of Health, and Secretary of the American Public Health Association.

It is intended to make this work, which is now well under way, complete to the time of publication, and no pains will be spared to obtain all facts of interest relat-

ing to the practice of medicine in the state since its settlement in 1623 to the present time. A short biography of every reputable physician who has practised medicine in New Hampshire is desired. Any person who will furnish matter of interest in connection with the work—biographical sketches, old manuscripts (bills, diaries, accounts, history of epidemics, etc.)—will confer a great favor. Illustrations of representative medical men will be admitted. The work will be completed and published with no other view than to present a thoroughly reliable history, with accurate and impartial biographies. The work is being written and compiled under the auspices of the New Hampshire Medical Society.

JOSEPH JACKSON HOWARD, LL.D., F.S.A., a corresponding member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, has recently been appointed Maltravers Herald Extraordinary. For an antiquary, it is quite a delightful position, with the privileges of the valuable library of the College of Arms. These advantages will no doubt greatly assist Mr. Howard in editing the work he is engaged upon, "The Genealogies of the Principal Roman Catholic Families of England." Among his other works may be mentioned the Visitations of Suffolk, Kent, Surrey and London. He was one of the two founders of the Harleian Society, a member of the Senate of the University of Cambridge, member of the Society of Antiquaries, Honorary member of the Society of Antiquaries of New Castle on Tyne, of the Norfolk and Suffolk Archaeological Society, and a member of the Council of the Kent and Surrey Societies. A. D. WELD FRENCH.

**GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think may be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from colleges or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of births, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

**Brainard.** By Miss Lucy A. Brainard, Hartford, Conn.—Miss Brainard has in preparation a volume on the genealogy of this family, and desires all of the name, who have not already done so, to send her the genealogical records of their families. She wishes to obtain any information that can be furnished throwing light on the early history of Daniel Brainard, of Hartford, Conn., the pioneer and ancestor of the Brainards of New England, in addition to that contained in the Brainard Genealogy by Rev. David Dudley Field, D.D., published in 1857.

**Lovejoy.** By Mrs. A. C. Pratt, 63 Washington Ave., Chelsea, Mass.—A genealogy of the descendants of John Lovejoy, of Andover, Mass., is in course of preparation. Persons of the name and connection are urged to assist in this work by sending records and other information relating to this family.

**Mitchell.** By R. H. Mitchell, of Nevada, Iowa.—Mr. Mitchell has been for some time collecting data for a genealogical history of the descendants of Experience Mitchell, who came to Plymouth in 1623 and settled in Duxbury, and afterward in Bridgewater, Mass.; and will be pleased to receive records of the families of such persons, or any information tending to advance the work.

**Munsell.** By F. Munsell, 82 State St., Albany, N. Y.—Mr. Munsell wishes to obtain information which will assist him in compiling a genealogy of the Munsell family. All of the name trace back to Thomas of New London, Conn., 1683, but there may be a connection between him and Robert, who sailed for New England in 1679.

**Olney.** By James H. Olney, P. O. Box 1045, Providence, R. I.—The work which is devoted to the descendants of Thomas Olney, of Providence, R. I., 1636, has been in progress over seven years and is now nearly ready for publication, and subscriptions are solicited. The volume will contain the record of from five to six thousand Olneys, and will be printed in clear type, on good paper, and well bound. The price, post paid, is \$3 for a single copy, or \$2.50 a copy for five or more copies.

**Sawyer.** By A. Carter, No. 3 Howe St., Worcester, Mass.

**Semple.** By William A. Semple, of Broad Brook, Conn.—Mr. Semple has compiled a genealogical history of the family of Semple, from 1214 to 1888, which is

now in the hands of the publishers. Most of the family settled in Virginia and Kentucky, though our branch came to Connecticut.

*Spofford.* A new edition of the Spofford Genealogy is in the hands of the printers, Alfred Mudge & Co., of Boston. It was originally published in pamphlet form in 1851, and re-issued in 1869, by the late Dr. Jeremiah Spofford, of Groveland, Mass., of whom the forthcoming edition will be a memorial. The book is to be an octavo of some 400 pages, with numerous portraits and other illustrations, and will be ready for delivery in September, 1888, at a Reunion of the family, in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the arrival in this country of their immigrant ancestor, John Spofford, who settled at Rowley, Mass., with Rev. Ezekiel Rogers. Inquiries concerning the work, or items of interest in the history of the family, may be addressed to Miss A. T. Spofford, Groveland, Mass.

*Weeks.* By Rev. Jacob Chapman, Exeter, N. H.—Rev. Mr. Chapman has prepared a volume on this family, entitled "Leonard Weeks and his Descendants;" with an appendix containing genealogical notices of many other families connected with this. It will be printed in an octavo volume of about three hundred pages, and will be put to press as soon as orders are received for enough copies to pay the printer.

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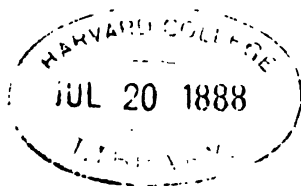
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## BOOK NOTICES.

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*History of the Town of Exeter, New Hampshire.* By CHARLES H. BELL. Exeter: The Quarter Millennial Year. 1888. 8vo. pp. 469+88. Price \$4.

The author of this volume needs no introduction to the readers of the REGISTER. In his life of Wheelwright, and other monographs, he threw much light upon his present subject, one of more than local interest, and opened the way for a more comprehensive treatise. Exeter is one of the four cradle towns of New Hampshire, and it was the first, or nearly the first, American settlement of the Gilmans, the Folsoms, the Wentworths, the Halls, and several other influential and now widely scattered families. In its origin it was closely connected with an exciting episode in the early history of the Massachusetts Bay Colony; hence a full understanding of its history is essential to all students of the beginnings of the English settlement of New England.

The two centuries and a half of existence, which Exeter has just completed, naturally resolve themselves into periods. By a due consideration of this fact, Gov. Bell has enhanced the interest of his narrative and given it a clearness for which all his readers will be grateful. This desire to be perspicuous is manifest in all that he has written. In every list of names he observes strict alphabetical order, and in his appendix of eighty-eight pages—a most valuable feature of the work—he has cited all of genealogical and historical importance which the Exeter and Salem records afford. Students will hereafter be spared the necessity of consulting the often almost illegible originals, and should fire, or the mould of time, destroy them, their loss will not be irreparable. In addition, he has printed from an unpublished memorandum book of the Rev. Woodbridge Odlin, a list of baptisms between 1743 and 1763; Wheelwright's alleged Indian deed of 1629, and the important parts of Judge Jeremiah Smith's bi-centennial address of 1638; lists of deaths previous to 1800, and announcements of intentions of marriage between 1753 and 1800.

It will thus be seen that the volume is exceptionally rich in materials for history and helps for the genealogist. We have already mentioned the admirable arrangement of its narrative, and in justice to the town as well as to its historian, may now

briefly describe the field which has been so successfully cultivated. Exeter was founded in 1638 by the Rev. John Wheelwright and his fellow "Antinomian" exiles from Boston. The leader, through the extension of Massachusetts authority over his possessions, was compelled to move to Wells, Maine, in about five years. Many of his companions remained, however, and men of wealth and influence, like the Gilmans and Folsoms, came in a little later. Like all border settlements, Exeter suffered somewhat from Indian raids, but escaped a general massacre like that which Dover experienced in 1689. By the end of Queen Ann's war, 1713, it was virtually free from savage aggression. The lumber traffic, a specialty from the first settlement, was now turned in the direction of ship-building and the West India trade. Exeter vessels carried the lumber sawed at the mills at the falls of the Squamecot, to the islands of the Caribbean Sea, and brought back cargoes of sugar, molasses and rum. The fertile soil of the neighborhood also returned generous rewards to the labors of her farmers. Exeter's chief men were prominent in military operations against the French, and Gilmanton, so called from the majority of the Exeter grantees, was one of their rewards. It was chiefly settled from among her surplus inhabitants. Before the first half of the eighteenth century ended, Exeter was already the venerable mother of Newmarket, Epping and Brentwood, for all of these towns were taken from her original limits.

In 1775 her population numbered about 1750. Life in such a village could not be very diversified or exciting, yet Exeter's people were unusually intelligent. The controversy which arose in 1743 over the labors of George Whitefield, and divided the single church into two, must have operated as an intellectual tonic after the first irritation had passed away. Competition is always better than stagnation, even in church affairs. So Exeter's almost unanimous espousal of the patriotic cause at the outbreak of the Revolution may be attributed in part to the theological contest of a generation earlier. However this may have been, the war found the town the state capital, and the centre of military administration. Her principal citizens were leading spirits in the great contest, and when the war ended enough of them survived to give the place much more than local distinction. Some of them lived to near the middle of the present century, and we think that no other village of two thousand inhabitants could boast of the simultaneous presence of men like John Phillips, founder of the Academy which bears his name; Nicholas Gilman, member of the constitutional convention of 1787, and afterward to his death, U. S. Senator; his brother John Taylor Gilman, fourteen years governor, and successor as state treasurer to his father Nicholas Gilman the elder; Jeremiah Smith, congressman, governor and supreme judge; Dr. Samuel Tenney, whose account of the Dark Day of 1780 is a scientific classic; Judge Oliver Peabody; General Nathaniel Peabody; Dr. Benjamin Abbot, fifty years principal of the Phillips Academy, and others hardly less noteworthy.

Such has been Gov. Bell's general theme. We have borne testimony to the interest and fulness of his narrative, and we have but little space to devote to the minor, but most entertaining features, such as professional biographies; descriptions of old houses and interesting localities so essential to the completeness of a local history. We can only say that what may appear to some the dry desert of land allotments and ecclesiastical and political discussions, is thickly sown with green oases of agreeable gossip. The volume is illustrated by facsimiles of the combination of 1639, and of Merrill's maps of the village and township published in 1802. It also has a chart of Exeter and its subdivisions. It is handsomely printed. We notice a few misprinted dates in the closing chapters, generally of minor importance, and obviously the result of hasty proof-reading. These can easily be corrected. With this trifling exception, the book is deserving of unqualified praise.

By John T. Perry, A. M., of Exeter, N. H.

*The Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians and Others in North America, 1787-1887.* Printed for the Society: University Press. 1887. Pp. 4to. pp. 52. Edition, 225 copies.

Three years ago we gave a brief account in the REGISTER (xxxix. 299-301) of the various missionary societies incorporated in the 17th and 18th centuries under the name of Propagation Societies. Of these the youngest was organized under a charter granted by the commonwealth of Massachusetts, November 19, 1787, as The Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians and Others in North America. It has just completed its first century of evangelistic service, and the handsome volume before us, carefully edited by Mr. James P. Hunnewell (of which only 225 copies have been printed), very appropriately commemorates the event. This

book contains an historical sketch of the Society, its act of incorporation and amended by-laws, a list of its officers and members from the beginning, and an enumeration of the missions which now receive aid from it. Among its early benefactors were John Alford, James Bowdoin, Moses Gill, William Hyslop, Jonathan Mason, William Phillips and Thomas Russell.

Until the outbreak of the revolutionary war, the work of evangelization among the Indians and in destitute white settlements in New England, had been carried on for the most part by societies having their seat in England and Scotland. In 1762, the leading Congregational clergymen and laymen of Boston and vicinity, feeling that the time was come to develop the missionary spirit in larger measure in the churches of New England, and to carry on the work among them by their own energies and with their own resources, obtained a charter from the General Court; but when the matter came before the King of England for his approval, the Archbishop of Canterbury, it is said, induced him to negative it, jealous for the interests of the Propagation Society of 1701, the "venerable Society," as it is called. In 1787 a commission was received in Boston from a Society in Scotland, authorizing certain gentlemen to renew the work which had been carried on under its auspices before the revolution. It was felt, however, as it had been in 1762, that the Massachusetts churches should be self-dependent in this regard; and a charter was again obtained, which now needed no royal sanction to make it law. This was the charter to which we referred at the beginning of this notice, and under it our New-England Propagation Society has been doing faithful and valuable service for one hundred years. Although organized by Congregationalists it is not sectarian; its object is not to interfere with the operations of other societies, but rather to supplement them; its means are not large, and its methods are unobtrusive; but it is an agency that has been blessed in the past, is doing good now, and will, we hope, for a long time to come, perpetuate the benevolent purposes of those who brought it into existence several years before such organizations as the London and Church Missionary Societies and the American Board were formed.

*By Hamilton Andrews Hill, A.M., of Boston.*

*History of the Temperance Reform in Massachusetts. 1813-1883.* By GEORGE FABER CLARK, Author of the History of Norton and Past Grand Chief Templar of I. O. G. T. of Mass. Boston: Clarke & Carruth, 340 and 344 Washington St. 1888. 12mo. pp. 268. Price \$1.50.

The cause of temperance, though a latter-day reform, has already a history. It has assumed large proportions. It takes a person familiar with the movements of the cause, and one who can wield the historic pen, to correctly and concisely give this history. Mr. Clark is both a worker in the reform and a historian. Hence this book of 268 pages contains much valuable information regarding a movement in social life just beginning to be felt in economical and governmental matters. This history confines itself to Massachusetts. In this is wisdom, for the field is ample. Gov. Briggs in 1845 stated that the first temperance organization was inaugurated in Adams in 1792. There may have been other slight exertions in the direction of moderation; but in June, 1811, measures were put forward to form the Massachusetts Society for the Suppression of Intemperance. Many have been the orders and organizations, each in their time and sphere, which have come to the front, exercising an influence and helping the cause along. Every phase of the reform has been touched, legal, moral, reformatory, educational, scientific, social, literary, with the aged, with the confirmed drunkard, with the pure youth, and with those born with adverse circumstances about them. Practical Christianity has been preëminently shown forth in this movement. As a hand-book of the many societies, and various phases of the question during the past three quarters of a century, this volume becomes of large value. It has portraits of the author, Mrs. Sarah A. Leonard, Rev. A. A. Miner, D.D., and Henry D. Cushing, Esq., whose labors have long been recognized in a work so helpful to the individual and the nation.

*By the Rev. Anson Titus.*

*An Historical Essay. The Puritans versus the Quakers.* By CALEB A. WALL. Worcester: Press of Daniel Seagrave. 1888. 8vo. pp. 70.

The present pamphlet is "A Review of the Persecutions of the Early Quakers and Baptists in Massachusetts, with Notices of those Persecuted and of some of their descendants, and Tributes to Roger Williams and William Penn, and the distinguishing characteristics of the Early Quakers." Mr. Wall has done a good ser-



vice to the cause of history in collecting here in compact form the evidences of the intolerance and persecutions of Massachusetts, and in contrasting the conduct of Roger Williams, William Penn and the early Quakers towards their religious opponents. It is a sad record that he preserves of the doings of the founders of our state towards those who differed from them in opinion. Much has been written upon the virtues of the Puritans, and much upon the faults which are found in their characters. Justice demands that we should impartially study both. Everything that aids us in such a study is welcome.

*Statistics of Water-Power Employed in Manufacturing in the United States.* By GEORGE F. SWAIN, S. B., Professor of Civil Engineering in the Mass. Inst. of Technology. Boston: W. J. Schofield, Printer, 1888.

This brochure is the first of a new series of publications undertaken by the American Statistical Association, and is to be followed by other papers prepared at the request of the Association and read before it. It opens with the statement that in no country on the globe is there so large an amount of water-power employed as in the United States. According to the returns of the Tenth Census, there were in use in 1880, 55,404 water-wheels, using a total power of 1,225,379 horse-power, this being 35.93 per cent. of the total power used in the country for manufacturing purposes. The annual value of this utilized power, at \$20 per h. p., is \$24,000,000. The value of pig iron produced in 1885 was \$600,700,009; of silver (coining value), \$51,600,000; and of gold (coining value), \$31,800,000. It will be seen, therefore, says Prof. Swain, that our water-power ranks among the more important products, if we may use the expression, of the United States. We have given a single illustration of the interesting and valuable statistics of which this paper is full. The Association, in making such use of its transactions, will greatly widen its influence and usefulness in the department of statistical and economical science. General Francis A. Walker is its president, and Professor Davis R. Dewey its secretary.

By Hamilton Andrews Hill, A.M., of Boston.

*Annals of Augusta County, Virginia, with Reminiscences illustrative of the Vicissitudes of its Pioneer Settlers: Biographical Sketches of Citizens locally prominent, and of those who have founded Families in the Southern and Western States. A Diary of the War, 1861-5, and a Chapter on Reconstruction, with a Supplement.* By JOS. A. WADDELL, Member of the Virginia Historical Society. Richmond, Va. 1888. J. W. Randolph & English. 8vo. pp. vii.+460. Price \$2.50.

This volume is a most welcome addition to the history of the Old Dominion, and it is to be hoped that other southern states will find among their citizens men of public spirit and of historical tastes who will write their annals as those of Virginia are now written. Several well known sons of this ancient commonwealth have in recent years published valuable works, and these annals of Augusta County will hereafter hold a prominent place among them. Originally the County included a vast region extending from the Blue Ridge to the Mississippi River, and from the great lakes on the north to what is now the state of Tennessee on the south, as is illustrated by the map which forms the frontispiece of the book. Gov. Spotawood with a party explored this territory in 1716, and they are believed to have been the first white men to do so. The first permanent settlement was made about 1732, near the twin hills called, "Betsey Bell and Mary Gray," by John Lewis from Pennsylvania, whence came most of the early settlers, who like himself were of Scotch-Irish descent, and Mr. Waddell very appropriately gives in his introduction an account of the hardships of the Scotch settled in Ireland, and of the reasons which influenced their emigration to America.

The chapters which tell the story of the early pioneers and of the Indian wars in which they were engaged, are worthy of more than the passing mention which limited space permits us to give them. The civil and military history of this interesting county is well told, and the biographical notices which are interspersed, are to be commended, and represent much patient investigation.

The book contains a Diary of the War, 1861-5, and a fair and impartial chapter on Reconstruction, 1865-71. The author says "the chief object of this supplement is to preserve some account of many pioneer settlers of Augusta county and their immediate descendants," and this supplement is of itself a work of great value, and bears evidence of careful preparation and accuracy. It is to be regretted that there are but few sources from which to obtain the dates of the births, marriages and deaths among the Virginia pioneers, but this cannot now be helped, and our pains-

taking author has collected many such dates, and the lines of descent are doubtless correctly stated. There are numerous descendants of the Augusta county pioneers scattered through the south and west, and this volume should be of especial interest to them. Mr. Waddell has rendered a lasting service not only to the citizens of Virginia, but to all interested in the history of our country. The print is excellent, and there is a very good index.

*By George Kuhn Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.*

*A Narrative of the leading Incidents of the Organization of the first Popular Movement in Virginia in 1865, to reestablish peaceful relations between the Northern and Southern States, and of the subsequent efforts of the "Committee of Nine" in 1869, to secure the Restoration of Virginia to the Union.* By ALEX. H. H. STUART. Richmond. 1888. William Ellis Jones. 8vo. pp. 72. Price 50 cts.

This is a very important historical paper relating to a most interesting and critical period in the history of the Old Dominion; but it is of more than local interest, and will be of value to all students of our national life. The position occupied by the writer as chairman of the "Committee of Nine," and the prominent part which he took in the restoration of his state to its place in the union, eminently qualify him for the duties of the historian. The "Narrative" is ably written, care has been taken to verify dates and facts, and throughout the whole there breathes a spirit of liberality, tolerance and patriotism. We know of no finer tribute to the memory of Gen. Grant than that paid to him in this pamphlet. His statesman-like course towards Virginia in the reconstruction days is of itself sufficient to entitle him to the gratitude of all who rejoice in a united country.

*By George Kuhn Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.*

*The Making of the Great West. 1512-1883.* By SAMUEL ADAMS DRAKE. With many Illustrations and Maps. New York. 1887. Charles Scribner's Sons. 19mo. pp. xii.+339. Price \$1.50.

This is an excellent little book for the purposes for which it is intended, which are, as the author states in his preface, "to meet, so far as it may, the want for brief, compact and handy manuals of the beginnings of our country. Although primarily designed for young people, the fact has not been overlooked that the same want exists among adult readers." The multitude of events included in the range of this work necessarily limit the author to the briefest and most concise treatment of each, yet he by no means gives us a mere recital of facts, but on the contrary the many events and episodes in our history are brought before the reader in an entertaining and attractive manner. Mr. Drake is particularly happy in his account of the Spanish power in North America, and of the early discoveries by the Spanish and French. The volume will certainly be instructive, and we trust interesting, to a large class of adult persons who are not as familiar as they should be with "the beginnings of our country," and for youth the book is admirable. There are numerous illustrations, and most of them are very good.

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*Discovery of America by Northmen. Address at the Unveiling of the Statue of Leif Eriksen, delivered at Faneuil Hall, Oct. 29, 1887.* By EBEN NORTON HORSFORD. Boston: 1888. Houghton, Mifflin and Company. Royal 4to. pp. 113.

This is an elegant volume containing the address delivered by Professor Horsford at Faneuil Hall, Oct. 29, 1887, on the occasion of the unveiling of the statue of Leif Eriksen, a handsome picture of which statue in colors is the frontispiece of the book. The author reviews the evidence of the discovery of the American coast and of Vinland, by the Northmen in the eleventh century, and of their first settlement under the hardy and adventurous Leif Eriksen in the territory of our commonwealth. The subject is treated most ably, and the reasons for confidence in the sagas of the Northmen, and the circumstantial evidence of their truthfulness, are set forth clearly and convincingly. Several fine reproductions of rare old maps add much to the volume, and the appendix contains translations of a number of sagas and other pertinent matter. We gain by reading this valuable and learned work some insight into the extent and importance of these ancient sagas, and it seems to us that the theory of the discovery of America by the Northmen, which is accepted by the scholars of Europe as an unquestioned fact, must be regarded by us as proven, even if we doubt the sufficiency of the evidence as to certain subordinate events and details of the discovery.

The speculations as to the inscription on the Dighton Rock, the history of the Old Mill at Newport, and the "Skeleton in Armor," are summarily disposed of by Professor Horsford. We cordially recommend this book to all interested in the early discoveries of the Northmen, which if they did not confer any lasting benefit upon mankind, illustrate the bravery and enterprise of those hardy mariners.

We do not see how the claims of the Northmen in any way tend to diminish or obscure the merits of Columbus, or lessen the debt of gratitude which all men owe to him.

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*Catalogue of the Library of the Minnesota Historical Society.* St. Paul, Minn.: Pioneer Press Company. 1888. 8vo. 2 vols. Vol. I. pp. 1016. Vol. II. pp. 639.

These two handsome books contain an elaborate and model catalogue of the 28000 bound volumes and pamphlets comprising the fine library of the young and vigorous Minnesota Historical Society. But few of the older societies can boast of so valuable and extensive a collection of historical works, and the many obstacles to which the librarian, Mr. John Fletcher Williams, refers in the preface, appear to have been most completely overcome as far as the library is concerned. The volumes are indexed both under the name of the author and of the subject, with full titles, indicating clearly the contents.

The typographical work is done in the best manner, and the catalogue is in a convenient form. The Minnesota Historical Society is to be commended for its enterprise in issuing this publication, and congratulated upon its choice library. Their collection of newspaper files is large, and judging by the catalogue the papers are kept in an available condition, which is by no means always the case.

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*American Ancestry; Giving the Name and Descent in the Male Line of Americans whose Ancestors settled in the United States previous to the Declaration of Independence.* Vol. III. Part I. Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons. 1888. Royal 8vo. pp. 62. Price \$5 for Vol. III. complete. Price of volumes I. and II. \$2.50 each.

This new enterprise of the Messrs. Munsell is a novel and commendable one. In the mother country there are books giving the ancestry of the nobility and gentry, which in some particulars resemble this, yet we know of no other attempt to produce a work like that before us. The purpose of this work is stated in the prospectus to be, "principally to register in a convenient and simple form the pedigree of any one person, and thus record for all time many important facts in the history of families which would otherwise be lost. Another primary object is to publish here the ancestry of a person as complete as it is known, as a means of obtaining additional information regarding it."

The work was commenced in 1887, and two volumes were published in that year. The first volume, devoted to the city of Albany, contained eight hundred lineages; and the second, devoted to Columbia County, N. Y., contained the lineages of fifteen hundred persons. The third volume, of which Part I. is before us, was begun this year, and will, when completed, be about three times the size of the second. It is not, like the previous volumes, confined to one locality, but it will embrace lineages from the whole of the United States. We hope the publishers will receive sufficient encouragement to continue the work according to their plan. These volumes will be a useful companion to the Biographical Dictionary.

*Abstract of the Proceedings of the Virginia Company of London, 1619-1624. Prepared from the Records in the Library of Congress,* by CONWAY ROBINSON; and Edited with an Introduction and Notes, by R. A. BROCK, Corresponding Secretary and Librarian of the Society. Vol. I. [Seal of the Virginia Historical Society]. Richmond, Virginia: Published by the Society. 1888. 8vo. pp. xlvii.+218.

This is the seventh volume, New Series, of the Collections of the Virginia Historical Society, and one of the best that have been issued. The Records of the Virginia Company, of which abstracts are here printed, are in the Library of Congress. Their value has long been known, and the Virginia Historical Society has done a good service to the cause of history by presenting the substance of them to the public in so handsome a form, with an introduction and annotations by one so well versed in the early history of this country, and particularly of Virginia, as Mr. Brock. The abstracts having been made by an historical scholar of singular discernment, "whose professional works are held in prime authority as of enduring

worth—it may be hoped with confidence,” says Mr. Brock, “that they are comprehensive as to all desirable details.”

Thirty years ago, the late J. Wingate Thornton, A.M., called the attention of historical students to the value of these records, in an article in the *Historical Magazine* for February, 1858, and urged that they should be printed by the United States. “As these volumes,” he said, “are of National rather than local interest, reaching back to the very foundation of the English companies for colonizing America; as they have escaped the chances and mishaps of two centuries, on either side of the Atlantic; as they have not been used by our historians—lying virtually unknown; and as Providence has placed them in the keeping of the National Congress—is it not our National duty to have them appropriately edited and published?”

Petitions have been presented to Congress for the publication of the manuscripts in full. The Virginia Historical Society twice thus petitioned—once it offered to publish them at its own cost; but these petitions were unavailing. The New England Historic Genealogical Society, and perhaps other associations, petitioned also to have them printed; and other efforts have been made to induce Congress to perform so praiseworthy an act.

Since Mr. Thornton published his appeal, the value of these records and the nature of their contents have been clearly shown by the Rev. Edward D. Neill, D.D., who has printed in his work on the Virginia Company valuable extracts from them. Those who found in Dr. Neill's book so much new information concerning our early history, drawn from these manuscripts, will gladly welcome this publication.

The original records of the Virginia Company are presumed to have been destroyed, as repeated searches have been made for them in England without success. The manuscripts in the Library of Congress, from which these abstracts are taken, are certified copies made for the officers of the Company before its charter was surrendered. The history of these records is minutely given by Mr. Brock in the introduction to the present volume.

Mr. Brock's Introduction, which fills forty-three closely printed pages, is by far the most important contribution to the bibliography of the early history of Virginia that has been made, and would be cheap at the price charged for the whole volume. The author's wonderful fund of information on the subject is shown on every page. The titles of the volumes, manuscripts and articles containing evidence relative to the facts of Virginia history are here minutely given, with comments on the same. Those who wish to trace any statement to its source will find this an indispensable aid.

The present volume will be supplied by the Society at the annual membership subscription price—five dollars. The previous issues of this series of the Society's Collections can be obtained at the same price per volume.

*Hand-book of the City of Annapolis and the U. S. Naval Academy.* Prepared and published by the Anne Arundel County Historical Society. Annapolis: Maryland Republican Steam Press. 1888. 18mo. pp. 99.

The Historical Society of Anne Arundel County has given the public, in the volume before us, a very useful and interesting work. “The labors of composition,” we are told, “were apportioned to different individual members, whose aptitude was particularly known, and the whole was revised by a committee of three members.” This plan, it is evident, adds to the fulness and reliability of the work. As the capital of the state of Maryland since the year 1694, Annapolis has a varied and interesting history, and in recent times the location of the United States Naval Academy here has given additional interest to the place.

*The Population of Groton at Different Times. With Some Notes on the Provincial Census of 1765.* By SAMUEL ABBOTT GREEN, M.D. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son. 1888. 8vo. pp. 8.

This is a paper read before the Massachusetts Historical Society, May 10, 1888. It has been reprinted from the Proceedings of that Society. Dr. Green has here collected from scattered sources valuable statistics relative to the population of his native town. He also furnishes some interesting information about the manuscript returns of the Massachusetts Census of 1765, taken under Gov. Bernard. This manuscript was in existence in 1822, when Judge Samuel Dana, of Groton, who had found it among the papers of a deceased friend, sent it to the editor of the *Columbian Centinel*, in which newspaper it was printed August 17th of that year.

Since then nothing has been heard of it. Probably it was destroyed with the waste copy. Dr. Green finds that a similar manuscript, perhaps the same one, was presented to the Massachusetts Historical Society by Rev. James Freeman, D.D., April 9, 1791; but it does not appear in the Printed Catalogue of 1811, nor is there now any clew to it. The author of this paper suggests that this manuscript may have been "taken from the library by a member at some time between the years 1791 and 1811, and never returned. Subsequently it may have drifted into Judge Dana's hands and found its way to the public through the columns of the *Centinel*."

*Remarks on Hubbard's Map of New England.* By CHARLES DEANE. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1888. 8vo. pp. 12.

This is a very interesting tract. The original edition of Hubbard's "Narrative of the Troubles with the Indians in New England" contains a map of New England, "the first that ever was here cut." Two varieties of this map are found in copies of the work, one known as the "Wine Hills" map and the other as the "White Hills" map, the former giving the name of the well-known mountains in New Hampshire as "Wine Hills," the latter giving the name correctly. There are other errors in the "Wine Hills" which are not found in the "White Hills" map. Thomas W. Field in his "Indian Bibliography," published in 1873, called attention to these two varieties, and noted some of the differences between them. He supposed that one map was engraved for the Boston and the other for the London edition, but Dr. Deane gives good reasons for thinking them both executed in this country. The impossibility, as a general rule, of ascertaining whether the maps found in the several editions of the work were in the copies when they came from the hands of the binders, is the chief cause of perplexity. Dr. Deane has devoted much care and patience to the examination of the subject, and the reader will find here much information on an interesting subject.

*The Exeter Quarter Millennial. Address delivered in Exeter, New Hampshire, June 7, 1888, on the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Settlement of the Town.* By CHARLES H. BELL. Exeter: Printed by John Templeton. 1888. 8vo. pp. 41. Edition 100 copies.

The quarter millenary of the settlement of the town of Exeter was commemorated in that town, in the manner usual on such occasions, by an Historical Oration, a parade, a banquet, after-dinner speeches, etc. The day was fine and the celebration was enjoyed by a large concourse of people. A report of the proceedings, illustrated by engravings, was printed in the *Exeter News Letter*, June 8, 1888.

The pamphlet before us contains the Oration by Ex. Gov. Bell. The author shows a thorough mastery of his subject, and presents to us an interesting survey of the history of the town from the settlement there of John Wheelwright and his followers in 1638 to the present time. It will be prized for its literary as well as historical merits.

*The Musical Record; a Journal of Music, Art, Literature.* Edited by DEXTER SMITH. Boston: Oliver Ditson & Co., 449 and 451 Washington St. June, 1888. Monthly. Folio. 32 pages a number. Price \$1 a year, or 10 cts. a number.

This valuable musical miscellany continues to maintain the reputation which it has acquired during the years that it has been published. Mr. Smith is well fitted for the charge of the work, and has much experience as an editor. The numbers of the *Record* for the current year are filled with valuable and interesting matter. We commend it to our readers.

*A Century of Town Life; A History of Charlestown, Massachusetts, 1775-1887. With Surveys, Records and Twenty-Eight Pages of Plans and Views.* By JAMES F. HUNNEWELL, Author of the Historical Monuments of France, the Imperial Island, etc. Boston: Little, Brown and Company. 1888. 8vo. pp. xiv.+316. Price \$3.50.

Mr. Hunnewell's book before us commences with the destruction of the town of Charlestown in 1775. The history of the town before this event has been written, the author tells us, "by two authors who were ideals of what was desirable for their work. The Rev. Dr. Budington gave the religious part, while the civil was presented by the Hon. Richard Frothingham, who was by family connected with the town, and was for a long time active in its affairs."

The plan of Mr. Frothingham's work contains some features which are new in the history of a town. As we have before us a letter from the author to a friend of

his, in which he points out these features and gives his reasons for adopting them, we print it here.

"I have written a local history, according to my own ideas, about which there might be differences of opinion, but that seem to me worth trying. Some works of the sort are apt to be encumbered with a good deal of detail, so I have divided my matter.

"First, I give a compact account of what has been accomplished, in events, as well as in what I think a very important part of history, what may be called the Monumental, for the buildings and works of art, even the gravestones, of a people express much.

"Then, I work out some important part in detail, as in my survey of the town—one that gave me a great deal of labor.

"Then I give *entire* records, valuable, unpublished, and not generally accessible, about a large number of persons. No amount of "extracting" from records can, it seems to me, be so serviceable as giving the *whole*.

"Then I have continued my Bibliography, giving however a full list of authors, newspapers, books printed for fifty years, etc. I have omitted some of the personal biographical matter usually put in such histories, as I have given references to fully a hundred volumes and pamphlets, and over four hundred notices in books, about the towns-people—enough to make several octavos. In illustrating I have thought less of having something pretty, than of having things rare or accurate."

For the present work Mr. Hunnewell's plan is an excellent one. He has managed to collect and to arrange in the several divisions of his work, the various important facts that one desires to know about the historic city of Charlestown.

He has given much time and care to constructing plans of the town and locating the estates of the inhabitants. Owing to the meagre details recorded, this is always found a work of great and sometimes of hopeless labor, especially in towns settled at an early date. Mr. Hunnewell has succeeded in constructing a plan of the town in 1638, and a series of plans of the place in 1775, when it was burnt. His success in indicating the place where the Great House of 1629-30 stood, can be learned from the article in this number of the REGISTER, p. 307.

Few persons have done so much towards preserving the history of their native towns as Mr. Hunnewell has done for Charlestown, where he was born. He copied the entire records of the First Church, from 1632 to 1787, and had a small edition elegantly printed at his own cost in 1880, soon after which he issued his elaborate Bibliography of Charlestown, noticed by us in January, 1882. We commend his example to our readers. The book has an excellent index.

*The Schools of Portland, from the Earliest Times to the Centennial Year of the Town, 1886.* By EDWARD HENRY ELWELL. Portland, Me.; William M. Marks, Printer. 1888. 8vo. pp. 37.

Portland, Maine, was incorporated as a town July 4, 1786. It had previously been a part of the town of Falmouth, and was known as Falmouth Neck. The earliest record in relation to public schools in this place is found under the year 1729, so that the record embraced in this pamphlet covers a period of over a century and a half. Everything concerning the schoolmasters and schools in Portland since then, which Mr. Elwell could find in print or manuscript, or could obtain from the recollection of the living, has been scrupulously preserved in these pages. Not a few persons who have been distinguished in other walks of life have commenced their careers as teachers in Portland, while other eminent men, such as the Longfellow, John Neal, Neal Dow and James and Erastus Brooks, received their education here.

The work before us is a valuable addition to the history of education in this country, besides being an useful repository of local history and biography. It is a great surprise to us, considering the scanty records preserved, that the author has been able to collect the material for so full and interesting an account of the Schools of Portland and those who taught them.

*Proceedings of the New-England Methodist Historical Society at the Eighth Annual Meeting, January 16, 1888.* Boston: Society's Room, 36 Bromfield Street. 1888. 8vo. pp. 36.

The present pamphlet shows that the New-England Methodist Historical Society is in a flourishing condition, and is doing good service in the cause of historical research. The annual address is by Rev. George S. Chadbourne, D.D., of Cam-

bridgeport, on "The Uses and Benefits of a Methodist Historical Society." It shows clearly the needs and advantages of such an institution. By the report of Willard S. Allen, A.M., the librarian, we find that 391 volumes and 1527 pamphlets have been added to the library during the year, making the number of volumes now in the library 3,069, and of pamphlets 12,820, a total of 15,889. The other reports are equally favorable.

*The Observance of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Organization of the Congregational Church in Berkley, Mass., November 2, 1887, containing the Historical Sermon, by Rev. S. HOPKINS EMERY, an abstract of Addresses and other Proceedings.* Taunton, Mass.: Press of Charles H. Buffington. 1888. 8vo. pp. 52.

The sesquicentenary of the Congregational Church at Berkley, Massachusetts, was commemorated by appropriate services on the second of November last. Berkley was incorporated as a town, April 18, 1735, a church was organized there Nov. 2, 1737, and on the 23d of that month the Rev. Samuel Tobey was ordained as its first pastor.

The Historical Sermon at this anniversary celebration was by the president of the Old Colony Historical Society, the Rev. S. Hopkins Emery of Taunton. In it is given an interesting summary of the history of this church during the one hundred and fifty years of its existence. The church records having been fully and faithfully kept, they have enabled Mr. Emery to give a fuller and more trustworthy history of the church than is usual in such cases.

Appended to the sermon is an account of the proceedings on this occasion. Addresses were made by the Rev. Thomas T. Richmond of Taunton, Rev. Leonard S. Parker of Cambridge, a former pastor, Rev. Sidney K. B. Perkins of Raynham, Hon. Edward S. Tobey, of Boston, a descendant of the first minister, Rev. E. Dawes of Lakeville, Rev. George F. Walker of Freetown, Rev. E. S. Fletcher of Berkley, and the present pastor, the Rev. John E. Wright, who also contributed an original hymn for the services.

"*Jesus Christ, Eternally Alive:*" *A Sermon.* By CALEB D. BRADLEE, Senior Pastor of the Church at Harrison Square, Boston, Mass. Preached April 1, 1888, Easter Sunday. Boston: Eustis Fowle. 1888. 12mo. pp. 11.

The Rev. Dr. Bradlee, senior pastor of the Harrison Square Church, Boston, formerly held the offices of corresponding and recording secretary of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. For more than a third of a century he has been an active and acceptable minister of the gospel. Previous publications by him have been noticed by us in past years. The present Easter Sermon is from the text, Job 19: 25, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." It is an eloquent and instructive discourse.

*A List of the Portraits in Oil, Engravings, etc., in the Rooms of the Westmoreland Club, chiefly the Property of the Virginia Historical Society.* By ROBERT A. BROCK, Cor. Sec'y and Librarian. 16mo. pp. 4.

This is a useful compilation. It is a list of the portraits and busts, with the more important manuscripts, maps and other objects to be found in the Westmoreland Club House, Richmond, Va.

*Essex Institute Historical Collections.* July, August and September, 1887. Vol. XXIV. Salem, Mass.: Printed for the Essex Institute. 8vo. 80 pages.

This periodical has received from us frequent favorable notices. The present number contains articles on the Hawkes Family, by Nathan M. Hawkes; The Early Church Records of Topsfield, communicated by John H. Gould; Sketch of Mrs. William Jarvis (continued), contributed by Cecil H. C. Howard, and the Allen Genealogy, by John Price. We commend the work to our readers.

*The First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.* By SHELDON REYNOLDS. From the History of Lackawanna Presbytery. 1888. 8vo. pp. 8.

Mr. Reynolds in this pamphlet traces the history of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre from the settlement there of the Rev. George Beckwith (Y. C. 1766) in 1770,—the second year of the settlement of Wyoming, as this section of the state was then called,—to the present time. It is an interesting and valuable production.

*The Chad Browne Memorial, consisting of Genealogical Memoirs of a Portion of the Descendants of Chad and Elizabeth Browne. With an Appendix, containing Sketches of other Early Rhode Island Settlers, 1638-1888.* Compiled by A. DESCENDANT. Brooklyn, N. Y. : Printed for the Family. 8vo. pp. 173. Edition, 300 illustrated copies. Copies remaining after subscribers are supplied, can be obtained of Mrs. A. I. Bulkley, 167 South Elliott Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Price \$5 and the cost of delivery.

*Genealogy of Some of the Descendants of Thomas Barrett, Sen., of Braintree, Mass.* Compiled by WILLIAM BARRETT. Saint Paul, Minn. : Printed by D. Ramaley & Son. 1888. 8vo. pp. 296.

*Genealogical History of the Family of Semple, from 1214 to 1888.* Compiled and Arranged by WILLIAM ALEXANDER SEMPLE, of Broad Brook, Conn. Hartford, Conn. : Press of the Case, Lockwood and Brainard Company. 1888. 8vo. pp. 60.

*The Resseguie Family. A Historical and Genealogical Record of Alexander Resseguie of Norwalk, Conn., and Four Generations of his Descendants.* Compiled by JOHN E. MORRIS. Hartford, Conn. : Press of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company. 1888. 8vo. pp. 99.

*The Descendants of William Bolton of Reading, Mass.* By CHARLES KNOWLES BOLTON of Cambridge. 8vo. pp. 8.

*A Memory of Dedham, Eng., and Gleanings of the Life of the Rev. John Rogers, 1636.* By AUGUSTINE CALDWELL, Ipswich, Mass. Royal 8vo. pp. 12. Twenty-five copies printed.

*A Discourse commemorative of John Riley Varney. Preached at the First Church, Dover, N. H., May 5, 1882.* By his Pastor, GEORGE B. SPALDING, D.D. Published by his Friends. Dover, N. H. : The Morning Star Steam Job Printing House. 1882. 8vo. pp. 19.

*Biographical Sketch of Elroy M. Avery. Reprinted from the History of the City of Cleveland, with a Genealogical Outline.* Cleveland, O. 1888. 8vo. 8 pages.

*The Averys of Groton.* Royal 8vo. pp. 8.

*The First Settlers of the Proctor Family in New England.* Ogdensburg : Republican and Journal Steam Press. 1873. 12mo. pp. 19.

*James Lane of North Yarmouth, Me., and his Descendants.* By Rev. JAMES P. LANE, of Norton, Mass. 8vo. pp. 12. 1888.

*Wentworth Genealogy—the Hitherto Unknown Counsellor Paul.* By Hon. JOHN WENTWORTH, LL.D., of Chicago. 8vo. 4 pages. 1888.

We continue in this number our quarterly notices of recent genealogical publications.

The first book on our list is devoted to the descendants of Chad Browne, an early settler of Providence, R. I., who was the ancestor of the Brown family of that place, several of whom were liberal benefactors of Brown University, and from one of whom (Nicholas, born 1769, died 1841) that institution derived its name. A small pamphlet of 16 pages on this family, by Mr. Henry T. Beckwith, was printed in 1851, since which no genealogy of it has appeared till the present time. The book before us is a beautiful octavo volume, printed on fine paper, with numerous portraits and other illustrations, and handsomely bound. The author is Mrs. Abby Isabel Bulkley, daughter of Mr. John Smith Brown of Providence, and wife of John W. Bulkley, A.M., of Brooklyn, N. Y., well known for his labors in the cause of education. Mrs. Bulkley has done her work in a thorough and praiseworthy manner. She has succeeded in procuring full and precise information concerning the various branches of this family, and has presented them to her readers in an attractive manner. The book is thoroughly indexed. Mr. Beckwith's pamphlet is reprinted in the appendix, which also contains genealogical and biographical matter concerning other families and individuals.

The next book is by Col. William Barrett of St. Paul, Minnesota. It is devoted to the descendants of Thomas Barrett, who settled at Braintree, Mass., between the years 1635 and 1640, but subsequently removed to Chelmsford, Mass., where he died in 1668. The author commenced collecting material relative to this family a quarter of a century ago when he resided in New England, and he now presents to the public the result of his investigation in a handsome volume of nearly three hundred pages. There is much interesting biographical as well as genealogical matter in the book, and the author deserves credit for his work. A portrait of the author is prefixed to the volume. The book has an index.



The next book is upon the Sample family. The name Sample is of great antiquity in Scotland, and much genealogical matter relating to the family there is here given. Though members of the Sample family came to this country in the last century, the earliest ancestor of the author in this country was his grandfather, Alexander Sample, who was born in London in 1805, and emigrated to America in 1846. Much interesting information is found in the book, which is handsomely printed. The price of the book is \$2. The author has also issued a photo-lithographed family tree, 36 inches by 40 inches, which can be procured from him, price \$2.

The next book on our list, the Resseguie family, is by Mr. Morris of Hartford, Ct., author of the work on the Bontecou family noticed by us in April, 1887. The ancestor of the Resseguie family was Alexander, who settled at Norwalk, Ct., in 1709. Traditionally he was of Huguenot descent. He married Sarah, daughter of Pierre Bontecou of New York. The author has in manuscript the records of four thousand descendants of Alexander Resseguie, which would make a printed volume of seven hundred pages. It was his original intention to have the complete work printed, but his efforts to obtain subscribers has not met with sufficient success to warrant him in doing so. He has printed this volume in order that the attainable facts of the early history of the family may be preserved. The excellent manner in which Mr. Morris has done his work and carried out the several lines in this volume, makes us hope that he will yet receive encouragement to bring out the complete work.

The next work gives the descendants of William Bolton, who, in 1720, settled in the north parish of Reading, Mass. Of his descendants a record is here given. The copy of this work in the library of the New England Historic Genealogical Society has manuscript additions and an index by the author.

The next pamphlet, "A Memory of Dedham, England," is a paper read Thursday evening, Oct. 5, 1885, in the Chapel of the First Church of Ipswich, Mass., by Rev. Augustine Caldwell, now pastor of the First Church, Coventryville, N. Y. The author visited England the previous summer, and while there made a pilgrimage to Dedham, where the famous Rev. John Rogers, father of the Rev. Nathaniel Rogers of our Ipswich, was settled. In this paper the Rev. Mr. Caldwell gives an account of the localities in Dedham, and of John Rogers and his relatives. Our readers will find in Mr. Waters's Gleanings, published in the REGISTER for April, 1887, much information about the family, with important recent discoveries.

John R. Varney, to whom the next pamphlet is devoted, was for many years the editor of the *Dover Enquirer*, in conducting which he manifested marked antiquarian tastes. He was at one time a professor in Dartmouth College, and during his life held many responsible offices in New Hampshire, his native state. The discourse of Rev. Dr. Spalding is a worthy tribute to his memory. Appended are two pages of genealogical matter relating to the ancestry of Mr. Varney.

The next two pamphlets contain genealogical matter relating to the descendants of Christopher Avery of Salem, Mass., and New London, Ct., who died in 1679. A genealogy of this family is in preparation, and records are solicited by Mr. Homer D. L. Sweet, 92 Wieting Block, Syracuse, N. Y.

The next pamphlet contains genealogical facts relating to the several families of Proctor that settled early in New England.

The pamphlets on the Lane and Wentworth families are reprints from the REGISTER for April, 1888.

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TO JUNE 1, 1888.

### I. Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.

A history of the four meeting houses of the First Congregational Society in Pennacook, subsequently Rumford, now Concord, N. H., 1726-1888; preceded by an introduction relative to the four periods and four types of meeting-house architecture in New Hampshire, from its settlement in 1623 to the present time. By Joseph B. Walker. Concord, N. H.: Printed by Ira C. Evans. 1888. 8vo. pp. 29.

Remarks on Hubbard's Map of New England, by Charles Deane, reprinted from the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society. November, 1887. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1888. 8vo. pp. 12.

Congregational Churches in Nova Scotia, by Samuel A. Green, reprinted from the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society. February, 1888. 8vo. pp. 9.

Address delivered before the New England Historic Genealogical Society, at its annual meeting, January 4, 1888, by Abner C. Goodell, Junior, on the occasion of his second election as President of the Society. Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son. 1888. 8vo. pp. 18.

The Population of Groton at different times, with some notes on the provincial census of 1765. A paper read before the Massachusetts Historical Society on May 10, 1888, and now reprinted from the Proceedings. By Samuel Abbott Green, M.D. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1888. 8vo. pp. 8.

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## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**RECENT GENEALOGICAL DISCOVERIES.**—William S. Appleton, A. M., of Boston, a member of the Historic Genealogical Society, who is now in London, has made some important discoveries relative to early New England families. He has sent to the editor of the REGISTER the following account of two of them:

"I have just read a Will of so much interest that I must send you a note of it. Mr. Savage says in his Dictionary, under the name AMBROSE, 'JOSHUA, of wh. we gladly would kn. the f. and date of b.,' 'NEHEMIAH, of unkn. parentage.'

"The will in question is that of Peter Ambrose of Toxteth, Lancashire, written in 1653, proved in 1654-5, in which he mentions his sons Joshua and Nehemiah. He also speaks of money advanced to Joshua and Daniel Henshaw, sons of William Henshaw, late of Toxteth, 'who are now in New England.' In this connection compare what Savage says under HENSHAW, and also an account of the family printed in the *Heraldic Journal* for 1868.

"I will only add to this that Thomas Weare, of Charfield, Gloucestershire, in his will, written and proved in 1685, appointed as executor his 'eldest brother Peter Weare of Yorke in the Territory of New England.'"

**PRESIDENT JACKSON'S PIPE.**—The Hon. William A. Richardson, LL.D., of Washington, D. C., Chief Justice of the U. S. Court of Claims, recently presented to the Historic Genealogical Society the last pipe smoked by President Jackson in the executive mansion. In February or March, 1837, an old friend of the President, with his little daughter, made a call upon him. They found the president alone in his room, smoking his pipe. As they were leaving, the president said, "My little girl, what can I do for you?" The child, charmed with the long stem and red top of the pipe, exclaimed, "Oh, if I could only have that pipe to blow soap bubbles with!" Gen. Jackson promised it to her and said he would send it to her. Soon after he left Washington his private secretary took the coveted pipe to the little girl. Just fifty years after its receipt the donée presented this pipe to Chief Justice Richardson, who has had a box made to contain it of wood from the inside shutters taken out of the west windows of the state dining-room of the White House while alterations were made, and he has now presented it to this Society.

In this connection an anecdote printed in the publications of the Old Residents' Historical Society of Lowell (No. 2, page 132) may interest our readers. While President Jackson was passing through Tyngsborough, Mass., in June, 1837, on his way to Nashua, a boy who had been out hunting and had a fowling piece in his hand came to an eminence which commanded a view of the president and his party. When the president's barouche came opposite him the lad snatched off his cap and gave three as vigorous "hurrahs" as his small voice would permit, at the same time discharging his gun. The president removed his hat and bowed with as much formality as he would if a regiment had been before him. That boy was William A. Richardson, a native of Tyngsborough, now Chief Justice of the Court of Claims, and formerly United States secretary of the treasury, who has given the above relic of Gen. Jackson to the Historic Genealogical Society.

**THE WENTWORTH GENEALOGY**.—Sir William L. Rutton, in a recent publication respecting the Wentworths of Gosfield, co. Essex, England, has the following:

"The Pedigree of Wentworth of Gosfield, is compiled from the Visitations of Essex, published by the Harleian Society (Harl. MSS. 1137 & 6085), from the accounts of the family in Morant's History of Essex, from the registers of Gosfield parish, and various other sources. Use has also been made of the researches of Colonel Joseph Lemuel Chester, LL.D., contained in the "Wentworth Genealogy," by John Wentworth, LL.D., of Chicago, U. S., who with the other Wentworths of the United States are now the only representatives of the family in the male line. They are descended from the Wentworths of Elmsall, co. York.

W. L. RUTTON."

**PRINTING IN NEW YORK.**—Readers of the REGISTER who have any knowledge of the printers of New York before 1840 and after the Revolution are asked to communicate with me, as I am preparing a local history of this kind.

George Bunce, Michael Bumham and Jonathan Seymour probably came from Hartford. Is anything known about them? Is there any sketch of Francis Childs, who died in Vermont in the thirties? Other names which occur to me as probably from New England are Philemon Canfield and Ichabod Hoyt. I should be obliged for a reference to any pamphlet, book of travels or biography which bears upon this subject.

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**OLD VIRGINIA CLERKS.**—Mr. Frederick Johnston, of Buchanan, Botetourt Co., Va., has in preparation and will issue this summer a book of about 300 pages by this title. It will contain the names and dates of service of more than eight hundred clerks who have held office in the several counties of Virginia, going back to the year 1634, when the colony of the Old Dominion was divided into eight counties or shires, named respectively, Charles City, Elizabeth City, Henrico, Isle of Wight, Northampton, Warwick and York. About one hundred biographical sketches will be given. The book will be illustrated with portraits and with fifty fac-similes of the signatures of the more famous of the old time clerks.

**WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE.**—At the last session of the General Assembly of Virginia an act was passed appropriating \$10,000 annually for the benefit of this college.

**NORTHWESTERN KANSAS EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION.**—Among the literary proceedings at a meeting of this Association at Stockton, Kansas, May 23, was an address by Judge F. G. Adams, secretary of the Kansas Historical Society, on "The Newspaper History of Northwestern Kansas."

**THE VIRGINIA AGRICULTURAL, MECHANICAL AND TOBACCO EXPOSITION**, to be held in Richmond in October and November, 1883, will have a Department of Relics and Antiquities. Here will be collected objects pertaining to the archaeology of Virginia. Everything bearing upon the history of that State will be admitted.

**PORTRAIT OF JOHN WARD DEAN.**—We copy from the *Boston Journal* of June 7, 1888, the following item:

"Samuel H. Wentworth, of Boston, in behalf of his brother, Hon. John Wentworth, of Chicago, presented to the New England Historic Genealogical Society at its regular meeting yesterday an oil painting of its Librarian, John Ward Dean."

The portrait is by Mr. J. Harvey Young, of Boston, and as a work of art does credit to that distinguished artist. The friends of the editor of the REGISTER speak highly of it as a likeness. The society passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Wentworth for his generosity.

**GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other

information which they think may be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from colleges or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of births, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

*Davis.* By Mrs. A. H. Davis, No. 2462 Eighth Avenue, New York, N. Y.—This volume will be devoted to the descendants of John Davis, of East Hampton, Long Island, 1612-1705. Subscriptions solicited. Price \$4.

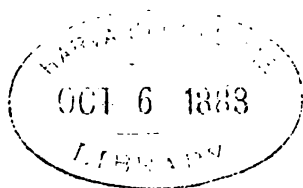
*Ingalls.* By Charles Burleigh, Portland, Me.—Mr. Burleigh is preparing a genealogy and history of this family, and solicits records from all of the name. Blanks for return will be sent on application.

*Jewett.* By F. A. Jewett, 334 Madison Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.—A history of this family is in preparation and will be published at no distant date. All interested are requested to send in any information they may possess. Blanks will be forwarded on application. The family came to this country in 1638.

*Paul or Paul.* By Edward J. Paul, 321 Hanover St., Milwaukee, Wis.—In 1879 a book on the Paul family was printed for private distribution. Since that time work has been steadily prosecuted by Mr. Paul, of Milwaukee, and others, in preparing a larger genealogy of this family, and it is expected that a work will soon be completed on the "Genealogy of the Paul Family descended from William Paul, born 1615, who settled at Taunton, Mass., in 1637." The book will show ten generations of this family. The compiler requests, in order that the work may be completed at an early date, that copies of family records, addresses of persons of the name and other information be sent to him at once. Any information desired in return he will be pleased to send. Besides a nearly complete record of the descendants of William Paul, of Taunton, Mass., in 1637, he has records of the descendants of Richard Paul, of Taunton, Mass., in 1637; of Robert Paul, of Needham, Mass., in 1727; of William Paul, of Berkley Co., Va., in 1740; and of John Paul of Elizabethtown, N. J., about 1750; also valuable memoranda concerning the families of Daniel Paul, of Kittery, Me., 1648; of Philip Paul, of Gloucester Co., N. J., 1685; of the Paul families of Washington and Westmoreland Counties, Pa.; of Mecklenburg Co., N. C.; of Woodstock, Conn.; of Stanstead, Province of Quebec, etc. etc.

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## BOOK NOTICES.

THE Editor requests persons sending books for notice to state, for the information of readers, the price of each book, with the amount to be added for postage when sent by mail.

*The Pilgrim Republic. An Historical Review of the Colony of New Plymouth.* By JOHN A. GOODWIN. Boston: 1888. Ticknor and Company. Octavo, pp. xli.+662. Price \$4.

In this work another volume is added to the list of standard histories of Plymouth colony. The author was well qualified by his antecedents, opportunities and literary skill for its preparation. His death occurred before its publication, but it has been carried through the press under the editorial supervision of his son, with, as he says, "fidelity to the original manuscript." While the limitations of space forbade any attempt to treat the subject exhaustively, the author has aimed to be comprehensive, and, as he states in his preface, to produce a book for readers rather than students, and to tell in one volume the story of the Pilgrim fathers with an approach to completeness and accuracy.

In this endeavor it must be said that he has been successful, and in flowing measure in this particular, that while the work is not one which will supply the student with all the information that he will desire, he can enter upon his study in no better way than by giving this volume a thorough perusal. In the preface the list of original and secondary authorities relied on is given, and the oft-recurring foot notes of the volume will, besides supplying immediate information, point the student to probable sources of further knowledge.

The author has been faithful throughout to the right methods of historical writing. Without citing a multitude of proofs of this, which might easily be done, one constantly appearing piece of evidence may be mentioned, viz.: That whatever may be the page to which the reader or student refers, he has instantly at the same level where his eye rests in finding the number of the page the figures denoting the year referred to in that particular page. This constant convenience and constant certification are characteristic of the author's method. Accordingly, there is no egotism in his remark in the preface that while expecting criticism he "will cheerfully submit to the reproof of those who have studied the subject as carefully as he

himself has." Every page bears witness to this careful study. He understates a little his full function as the author of the volume when he says that he "claims to be only a compiler, not a discoverer." His declaration is of course to be accepted that he is not a discoverer, that "though he has for many years traversed the Old Colony by land and by sea he has found nothing hitherto unknown;" but he is something more than a compiler in the sense of being a clerk dealing with other men's writings, for he has infused something of himself into almost every page. This tincture of personality is in general agreeable, helpful and assuring. One delights to be led about among the haunts of the Pilgrims by so wise, cheerful and eloquent a guide.

This is only to say in other words that the author has produced a most readable book, and as the story proceeds under his facile pen the reader feels that he is entering into some personal intimacy with those old knights of liberty and truth, whose bones are dust and whose swords are rust, and of whose apotheosis every historian, orator or poet who has named them since their departure has been prompt to testify.

That glow of admiration which distant and foreign readers feel and acknowledge in reading the story of the Pilgrim Fathers is present of course at white heat—and rightfully so—in one, who, like the author of the volume, has Pilgrim blood in his veins. And it is in this phase of the author's dealing with his general theme that the most important criticism of his work is to be made. The reference above to his literary skill should imply that all the remote as well as the familiar arts of rhetoric are known to him. The source of his zeal for the Pilgrim has been suggested; that of his antipathy towards the Massachusetts colony people cannot so certainly be inferred; but it is manifest in various ways, and his rhetorical application of it is in making the Massachusetts Bay record, as he sees it, serve as a dark background on which he may the more vividly paint the shining virtues of the men of Plymouth. Such contrasts do not really help the historian of any of the New-England colonies in his narrative. While they differ from each other in glory, they reflect a light radiating from a common centre. It would be an unprofitable but not difficult task to show that there were defects and incompetencies in the administration of the Plymouth colony to which the Bay colony was a stranger. To obscure or ignore these, or such of them as were conspicuous, is no proper office of the historian, where they have direct relation to his facts of record. But in the present instance they are presented oftentimes invidiously, and out of that relation, and have the effect of little flecks or distortions upon an otherwise clear mirror of events.

A like over-eagerness to set things right appears in the effort of the author to establish clearly and conspicuously the distinctive characteristics of the Plymouth and the Massachusetts settlers. This was to do well, and the distinction has been none too often pointed out. But it is unnecessary to the purpose, and not warranted by the record of subsequent or contemporary times, to seek as the author and some other writers do to restrict the meaning of the word "Puritan" to the highly technical sense in which it may have been used by certain good authorities in the early part of the 17th century.

The author quotes Rev. Daniel Neal as saying that "the Puritan body took form in 1564 and dissolved in 1644," and Rev. Thomas Prince, who wrote in 1736, as saying that "those who left the Episcopal church lost the name of Puritans." The author will have it, accordingly, that the word is applicable only to such as were "in and of the Church of England," and declares that "since 1644 no body or class of men has been properly called by the name of Puritans, and the title has become as completely bygone as 'Lollards,' 'Hussites' or 'Crusaders.'" In his definition, accordingly, the Massachusetts colony people ceased to be Puritans on their arrival here, for by their own act they ceased to be "in and of the Church of England."

Possibly, though it is doubtful, the argument might have served to convince John Winthrop or John Wilson, but now, after more than two centuries of variance from that use, the word cannot be held to this narrow definition. Whoever will revert to Macaulay's celebrated description of the Puritans will find nothing in the portraiture that brings to mind men of the Church of England more than those of the Bay colony or the Plymouth colony. Emerson writing to Carlyle in 1834 criticizes Goethe saying, "The Puritan in me accepts no apology for bad morals in such as he." Carlyle in his reply pleads gently for Goethe, and adds, emphatically, "Believe me, it is impossible that you can be more a Puritan than I." The authority of either is sufficient to determine the proper or precise meaning of any English word in common use—a *fortiori*, for the present purpose, when it is considered that

Emerson was the descendant of six or seven generations of Massachusetts ministers and Carlyle was by heredity a Presbyterian.

The author's introductory chapter and his supplementary chapter, or appendix, have an intrinsic value apart from the fitting frame-work which they make to the history itself. His many brief biographical sketches are models in their way. His accounts of Philip's war and of the witchcraft period are instructive, and, for a ready reference, his explanation of the Gregorian Calendar on page xx. of the introduction is a commendable interpolation. The volume has a generous index, about a half dozen maps and as many engraved illustrations.

*By Daniel W. Baker, Esq., of Boston.*

*Genealogical Gleanings in England.* By HENRY F. WATERS, A.M., Vol. I. (Part Second). Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 18 Somerset Street. 1888. 8vo. pp. i.-xii., 116-264.

The *Boston Evening Transcript* of August 8 thus speaks of this work:

"The evidences of the genealogical harvest which Mr. Waters has been gleaning in England for the past five years as agent of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, are before us in permanent form—and part second of the collected notes has been lately issued from the press. Like the first section it is a remarkable contribution to the home origin of many of our New England settlers, and affords ample confirmation of the wisdom of his mission and the propriety of his method of work. This part contains, as the conspicuous feature of the volume, the detailed evidence of the successful search for the parentage and family connections of John Harvard, the patron saint of our first and oldest university, and eager eyes for years past had long been looking for the faintest trace of his origin. John Harvard is now no longer a myth to the alumni of the university, and Mr. Waters has rendered full service to our literary history in this instance alone. In like manner this patient gleaner has settled beyond dispute the pedigree of the Rogers families of New England, descendants of Rev. John Rogers of Dedham, whom popular tradition had made of the lineal progeny of the martyr.

"His work is not confined to these names of note, but it comprehends every name of our emigrant families, from the humblest husbandman to the highborn gentleman—all served alike in his plan of gleanings facts bearing upon the origin of the early settlers of New England. The book before us is a reminder to those interested in these matters that this successful gleaner, 'far from the madding crowd,' should have his hands held up by the necessary financial support, and the society who is the sponsor for his mission would welcome such aid from the public. It is the first systematic search of this kind ever undertaken, and the results have been exceedingly valuable, and are growing more so as the work progresses."

*Proceedings of the Long Island Historical Society, in memory of Hon. James Carson Brevoort, Mrs. Urania Battell Humphrey, Hon. John Greenwood and Alfred Smith Barnes.* Brooklyn, N. Y.: Printed for the Society. 1888. 8vo. pp. 15.

Messrs. Brevoort, Greenwood and Barnes were prominent members of the Long Island Historical Society, and Mrs. Humphrey showed her interest in it by leaving it a legacy of ten thousand dollars. The warm tributes in this pamphlet to the memory of these individuals are well deserved.

James Carson Brevoort, LL.D., was a distinguished historical scholar and author. He was one of the founders of the Long Island Historical Society, and its first president, holding the office from 1863 to 1873. He was a member of many learned societies, was the superintendent of the Astor Library (1876 to 1878), was a Regent of the University of the State of New York, and in 1873 received the degree of LL.D. from Williams College. Mrs. Humphrey was the widow of Hon. James Humphrey, for several years a member of Congress from Brooklyn, an early member of the society and one of its officers. It is stated here as "a noteworthy fact, that the only two bequests which the Society has hitherto received, of which this is the larger, have come to it from ladies." Mr. Greenwood was one of the founders of the Society, and was chairman of the committee that drafted its constitution. He was an accomplished classical scholar and a public spirited man. Mr. Barnes, who was at the head of a large and well known publishing house, was a member of the board of directors of the Long Island Historical Society for twenty-one years from 1867, was a liberal benefactor to its funds, and was active in other good works.



*York Deeds. Book iv.* Portland, Me.: John T. Hull and Brown Thurston & Co. 1888. 8vo. pp. 17+504+158.

This volume is the last of the series of publications of York records provided for by resolve of the Maine Legislature of 1883. The first volume was briefly noticed in the January number of the current volume of the *REGISTER*, and the general character and scope of the undertaking briefly explained. The work has been completed in accordance with the original design, and the result is that four beautiful and valuable volumes have been added to our historical literature, and the earliest records of the State of Maine, covering a period of half a century, have been rescued from the corroding hand of time, and made easily available to present and future generations.

The editor of these volumes, Mr. Hobart W. Richardson, who, acting in behalf of the Maine Historical Society, has looked after every detail, is to be congratulated upon the eminent success which has attended his efforts in the completion of his work. It has involved a vast amount of pains-taking labor, of which Mr. Richardson's only compensation is the satisfaction of having accomplished a good thing in the interest of Maine history. The copyist, Mr. Wm. M. Sargent, is also to be congratulated upon the excellency of his work, and the publishers, Messrs Brown Thurston & Company, for the typographical neatness and finish of the four volumes which may well serve as a model for future publications of this kind.

The second volume of the series is more especially noted for containing a copy of the grant from King Charles of England to Captain John Mason. A full account of the discovery of this document is given in the July, 1877, number of the *REGISTER* and need not be repeated here. This volume includes the records contained in a manuscript volume, marked in the handwriting of Edward Rishworth, recorder, "The Second Book of Records." It was opened February 12, 1666, and filled in 1676.

The third volume includes the contents of a manuscript volume marked also in the handwriting of recorder Rishworth, "The Third Book of Records of Deeds &c in the County of Yorke." It covers a period of eight years, a period noted for two very important public events, viz. King Philip's Indian war, and the sale of Maine, by the heir of Gorges, to the Province of the Massachusetts Bay.

The fourth and last volume is a copy of the book of records marked by Rishworth, "The Fourth Book of Records for Deeds &c in the County of York." The first record was made February 5, 1684, by Rishworth, and the last by his successor Joseph Hammond, July 12, 1699; the book was therefore in use for fifteen years. It covers a most exciting period in English history, and but little less so in that of New England. Rishworth was recorder of the Province for thirty-three years, and wrote his last official line as such, in June, 1686.

Each of the four volumes contains a vast amount of valuable historical matter, now for the first time made easily available to the courts of law and to the historical students of the state. It was hoped by those who projected the publication of these volumes, that they would include the York records of the seventeenth century complete, but it has been demonstrated that two more volumes of the size of those already published will be required. It is hoped that the next Maine legislature will provide for the publication of volumes five and six, for experience with the first four shows conclusively that the expense cannot be met by private subscription. The demand for works of this kind is very limited, but their value is none the less great, and the state owes it to itself to rescue these important early records from threatened oblivion.

*By Wm. B. Lapham, M.D.*

*Pennsylvania and the Federal Constitution, 1787-1788.* Edited by JOHN BACH McMASTER and FREDERICK D. STONE. Published for the Subscribers by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Inquirer Printing and Publishing Co., Lancaster, Pa. 1888. 8vo. pp. vi.+803.

This elegant volume gives an elaborate and detailed account of the events connected with the ratification of the Federal Constitution by Pennsylvania, and is practically the only work that treats exhaustively of this interesting epoch in that state. The fact that the Constitutional Convention of the states met in Philadelphia, and that the Legislature of Pennsylvania was then in session in the same building, led to the reading before that body of the proposed constitution the very day after its framers completed their labors. Within twenty hours after Congress submitted the constitution to the state, the State Legislature, although there was a

minority opposed to immediate action, secured a quorum, partly through the assistance of certain lawless persons who dragged two unwilling members to the House, the opposition having attempted by absenting themselves to prevent a quorum, and immediately issued a call for the election of delegates to a convention, which met November 21, 1787. After exciting and able debates, the distinction between the Federalists and Anti-Federalists being sharply drawn, Pennsylvania ratified the Federal Constitution December 12, 1787, by a vote of 46 yeas to 23 nays, and was the second state to ratify, Delaware having the place of honor. It was a period of heated discussion, and in some localities of violence and rioting. The celebration of the ratification led to fresh disturbances and frays. The speeches occupy a considerable portion of the book, and are of much historical interest, being given as fully as possible, but as there was then no system of reporting, the chief sources of information are the summaries in the newspapers of the day, and some notes taken at the time by James Wilson, which notes are printed entire in the latter part of the work. We also find many documents, and communications to the press relative to the great questions then agitating the public mind. Fifteen portraits enrich the volume, and there are sketches of many noted men of 1787, some then old, and others with brilliant careers before them. Pages 699 to 761 are especially interesting and valuable, as they contain biographical notices of the members of the convention. It is impossible in a brief review to do justice to such a work, which is of the greatest historical consequence, most ably edited, and printed and indexed in the best manner.

By George Kuhn Clarke, LL.B., Needham, Mass.

*Banquet given by the learned Societies of Philadelphia at the American Academy of Music, September 17, 1887, closing the Ceremonies in Commemoration of the Framing and Signing of the Constitution of the United States.* Philadelphia: Printed for the Committee. 1888. 8vo. pp. 86.

On the 17th of September, 1887, several of the most eminent learned societies of Philadelphia united in the observance of the centennial of the completion of the framing of the Federal Constitution by the Convention that assembled in Philadelphia, and this handsome volume with its costly plates is a souvenir of the commemoration, and a carefully prepared account of the banquet at which the President of the United States and many distinguished men were present.

There were numerous eloquent and patriotic addresses, which are contained in the pamphlet before us, and this great anniversary was most worthily and appropriately observed.

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*The Western Antiquary, or Notebook for Devon, Cornwall and Somerset, containing Original Articles, Notes, Queries and Replies. Illustrated.* Edited by W. H. K. WRIGHT, F. R. Hist. Soc., F. S. So. Borough Librarian, Plymouth, &c. &c. Part XII. and Supplement, Vol. VII. May-June, 1888. Armada Commemoration Number. Crown 4to. pp. 52. Published monthly by the Editor, 8 Bedford St., Plymouth, England. Annual subscription, 7s.; superior edition, 10s. Postage, 1s. extra.

*Northern Notes and Queries, or the Scottish Antiquary. Published Quarterly.* Edited by the Rev. A. W. CORNELIUS HALLEN, M.A., F.S.A. Scot., F. Hugt. S., M. Harl. So. Edinburgh: David Douglas. Vol. III. No. 9, June, 1888. 8vo. pp. 32. Price 1s. a number.

*The East Anglian, or Notes and Queries on Subjects connected with the Counties of Suffolk, Cambridge, Essex and Norfolk. Issued Monthly.* Edited by the Rev. C. H. EVELYN WHITE, F.S.A. etc., Vicar of Christ Church, Cresham, Bucks. Ipswich: Pawsey and Hayes. New Series, Part 43, July, 1888. 8vo. pp. 16. Annual subscription, post free, 5s.

*Yorkshire Notes and Queries: with the Yorkshire Genealogist, Yorkshire Bibliographer, and Yorkshire Folk-Lore Journal.* Edited by J. HORSFALL TURNER, Idel, Bradford. Part 12, July, 1888. 8vo. pp. 32. Published quarterly. Price 5s. per annum.

*Gloucestershire Notes and Queries.* Edited by the Rev. BEAVER H. BLACKER, M.A. London: William Kent & Co. 23 Paternoster Row, E. C. No. 39, July, 1888. 8vo. pp. 64. Published quarterly. Price 5s. a year, or 5s. 6d. by post.

*Bedfordshire Notes and Queries.* Edited by F. A. BLADES. Bedford; Arthur Ransom. Part 16, June, 1888. 8vo. pp. 32. Published quarterly. Price 4s. 4d. a year.

*Northamptonshire Notes and Queries, an Illustrated Quarterly Journal.* Northampton: Taylor & Son, 9 College St. Part 18. 8vo. pp. 36. Price 1s. 6d. a part. *Notes and Queries for Somerset and Dorset.* Edited by HUGH MORRIS, South Pether-ton, local secretary for Somerset to the London Society of Antiquaries, and CHARLES HERBERT MAYO, M.A., Vicar of Long Burton and Holneet, Rural Dean, author of *Bibliotheca Dorsetiensis*. 8vo. pp. 32. Published quarterly. Price 5s. a year. Apply to either of the Editors.

The decided success of the London *Notes and Queries*, founded by the late William J. Thoms, F.S.A., has led to the publication of a host of similar periodicals in Eng-land, in the United States and in other countries. Not the least useful of these periodicals are the local "*Notes and Queries*,"—at first published in the columns of newspapers, but of late years appearing in the more ambitious form of quarterly or monthly magazines. The titles of eight of these magazines, which are before us, appear at the head of this article.

These magazines have proved of great use in conducting historical and genea-logical investigations. They commend themselves to all engaged in such researches and also to those who delight to read about the events and persons of bygone days. To Americans who are anxious to trace their ancestry in England, and especially to those who have a clew to the counties from which their emigrant ancestors came, these magazines will be of great service.

*The Earle Family. Ralph Earle and his Descendants.* Compiled by PLINY EARLE of Northampton, Massachusetts. Printed by the Family. Worcester, Mass.: Press of Charles Hamilton. 1888. 8vo. pp. 492. Price in cloth, \$4.25; in half goat, raised bands, \$5.00. Postage, 30 cts. extra. The book may be had of the author, Pliny Earle, M.D., Northampton, Mass., or of the printer, Worcester, Mass.

*Historical Sketches of Some Members of the Lawrence Family. With an Appendix.* By ROBERT M. LAWRENCE, M.D. Boston: Rand Avery Company, Printers. 1888. 8vo. pp. 215.

*The Genealogies of Samuel Packard of Bridgewater, Mass., and of Abel Packard of Cumington, Mass.* By REV. THEOPHILUS PACKARD of Manteno, Ill. New York: G. W. Wheat & Co., Printers. 1871. 8vo. pp. 85.

*Spalding Memorial and Personal Reminiscences.* By PHINEAS SPALDING, M.D., and Life and Selected Poems of Caroline A. Spalding. Published for Private Dis-tribution. 1887. 8vo. pp. 323.

*Genealogy of the Sheppards of Minchin Hampton, Avening and Gatcomb; and also of Sheppard of Colesbourne.* By W. A. SHEPPARD, of Calcutta, India. 1887. Tab-ular pedigree, 204 in. by 254 inches.

*A Partial History of the Griffin Family in Massachusetts; being a Genealogy of the Descendants of Lieut. Joseph Griffin of Methuen.* Lowell, Mass.: Campbell & Hanscom, Printers. 1886. 8vo. pp. iv+17.

*A Short Sketch of the Life of Mrs. Azubah Freeman Ryder, a Centenarian now living at the advanced age of 104 years and 6 months; also a list of her immediate Ancestors and Descendants.* Boston: John H. Ryder, Publisher. 1888. Sq. 16mo. pp. 44. With portrait. Price 25 cts. post paid. Sold by J. H. Ryder, 2938 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

*Annual Reunion of the Emery Family in the Meionaon, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass., Wednesday, September 14, 1887.* Printed at Davol's Steam Printing House, Taunton. 1888. 8vo. pp. 18.

*Thomas Barrett of Braintree, William Barrett of Cambridge and their Early Descendants.* By JOSEPH HARTWELL BARRETT, A.M. 8vo. pp. 8. Loveland, Ohio. 1888.

*Descendants of John Roberts of Simsbury, Ct., and Bloomfield, Ct.* By LESTER A. ROBERTS, Esq., of Brooklyn, N. Y. 8vo. pp. 7. Brooklyn, 1888.

*Letters of Hugh Hall to Benning Wentworth.* By JOHN WENTWORTH. 8vo. pp. 8. Chicago, Ill. 1888.

We continue in this number our quarterly notices of genealogical publications.

The portly and handsome volume on "*The Earle Family*" with which our list commences, bears marks of careful preparation. The author, Pliny Earle, M.D., of Northampton, Mass., is a graduate of the Friends' School in Providence, R. I., and at one time was Principal of that famed institution. Subsequently he studied medicine and graduated, M.D., from the University of Pennsylvania. He has made a specialty of the treatment of the insane, and has published valuable works

on this and kindred subjects. For over twenty-two years he was superintendent of the State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton, Mass. Dr. Earle must have bestowed a great deal of labor on this volume. Those who have had experience in such work know the vast amount of time and patience required to compile such a book. The materials have to be collected from widely dispersed sources, the evidence often conflicting and perplexing has to be weighed, and the various records arranged in proper form. Dr. Earle has succeeded in this in an admirable manner, and has produced a book that is a credit to himself and to the family. The volume is devoted to the descendants of Ralph Earle, an early settler of Portsmouth, R. I. The Introduction, however, furnishes information relating to other families and individuals of the name in England and America. The book contains about five hundred octavo pages, well printed on heavy paper with clear type, and is illustrated by twenty-eight fine portraits. Full and excellent indexes are given.

The next volume is devoted to the Lawrences, a distinguished New England family. The author, Dr. Lawrence, of Lexington, Mass., gives this account of the origin of the book: "Several years ago, the writer obtained possession of a package of old deeds and other original documents relating to the descendants of John Lawrence, of Wisset, England, who were among the early settlers in Middlesex county, Mass. The interest awakened by an examination of these papers led to a study of the family history, and especially that of the first five generations in America; and in this little volume are given the results of these researches." This book does not attempt to give a complete genealogy of the descendants of John Lawrence, the emigrant ancestor of this family, for that has been well done by the Rev. John Lawrence, the last edition of whose work, published in 1869, was noticed in the REGISTER, vol. xxiii. page 486. But concerning the early generations much new and interesting matter has been collected by Dr. Lawrence and embodied in this book. Many biographical sketches, documents and records will be found here, illustrated by heliotype portraits and views of buildings. A fac-simile of the commission of Nathaniel Lawrence as ensign, with the signature of Gov. Simon Bradstreet, will interest antiquaries. The book is well prepared and thoroughly indexed, and does credit to the compiler. It makes a handsome volume in every respect.

The book on the Packard family contains the records of four generations of the descendants of Samuel Packard of Bridgewater, Mass. This portion of the book fills 38 pages. The remainder of the volume is devoted to the descendants of Abel Packard, a great-grandson of Samuel, who, in 1774, settled in what is now Cummington, Mass. The book is carefully compiled and is well printed. Much interest is felt at the present time by the descendants of Samuel Packard in the genealogy of the family. On the 10th of August last, the quarter millenary of his settlement in New England—for he came here in 1638—was celebrated by a large gathering in the city of Brockton, formerly the north precinct of Bridgewater, near the spot where Samuel Packard settled. It is hoped that a new and fuller genealogy of the family will result from this.

Dr. Spalding, whose reminiscences are printed in the next volume, commenced writing them after he had entered his eighty-eighth year. He gives here an account of his ancestry and the incidents in his own life. The record of his individual experience is interesting. In it he includes a genealogical account of his ancestors and of his own family. Appended is a selection from the poems of the author's daughter, the late Miss Caroline A. Spalding, who died in 1883. A memoir of this talented writer, by the Rev. George B. Spalding, D.D., is prefixed to the poems. The book is handsomely printed and bound.

The Sheppard tabular pedigree is by William Albert Sheppard, No. 64 Dhurumtollah Street, Calcutta, India, a nephew of John Hannibal Sheppard, A.M., librarian of the Historic Genealogical Society, 1861-1869, of whom a memoir by the writer of this notice was printed in the REGISTER for October, 1873 (vol. xxvii. pp. 335-46). When I wrote that memoir, I was only able to trace the ancestry of John H. Sheppard to his great-grandparents, Philip and Sarah Sheppard of Colesbourne, Gloucestershire, and there was some uncertainty about this. The researches of Mr. Sheppard of Calcutta, embodied in these tables, has removed the doubt from that statement and has carried the ancestry of the family back four generations to William<sup>1</sup> Sheppard, who married Margaret, only daughter and heiress of Francis Codrington of Frampton on Severn, and widow of Edward Bromswick, of Bromsborow, co. Gloucester. His son Philip,<sup>2</sup> of Horsley, Gloucestershire, who died in 1693, was father of Samuel,<sup>3</sup> of Minchinhampton (died March 11, 1679, aged about

70), whose son Philip,<sup>4</sup> barrister at law (died 1713, æt. 82), was father of Philip,<sup>5</sup> of Colesbourne, above named, who married Sarah, daughter of George White, of Didmorton, and was great-grandfather of our late librarian, John H. Sheppard, and great-great-grandfather of the compiler of these pedigrees. Mr. Sheppard deserves much praise for the thoroughness of his investigations.

The pamphlet on the Griffin family is by Charles Griffin of Lowell. Joseph Griffin, of whose descendants a record is here given, was a great-grandson of Matthew<sup>1</sup> Griffin of Charlestown through Jonathan<sup>2</sup> and Jonathan<sup>3</sup> his father. The families of these persons are here given, with a full account of the posterity of Joseph<sup>4</sup> Griffin of Methuen and his wife Abigail Currier. The pamphlet is well printed.

Mrs. Ryder the centenarian, to whose life, ancestors and posterity the next pamphlet is devoted, was a daughter of Timothy and Zeruiah Freeman. She was born at Eastham, Mass., January 5, 1784, and married in 1807 Samuel Ryder of Orrington, Me., who died in 1861. A genealogical record of her ancestors and descendants is here given. Mrs. Ryder was present June 28, 1886, at the centennial celebration of the settlement of Orrington.

The Emery pamphlet gives the proceedings at the gathering of the Emery family last year at Boston. The address was by the Rev. Samuel Hopkins Emery, the first president of the association under whose auspices this assembly was held, and also president of the Old Colony Historical Society. The address, poem, hymns and other exercises made the occasion a pleasant one.

The pamphlet on the Barrett and Roberts families are reprints from the REGISTER, as is also that entitled "Letters of Hugh Hall to Benning Wentworth." The last named pamphlet contains interesting genealogical matter relative to the Hall and Wentworth families.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ENGLISH MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS OF INTEREST TO AMERICANS.—1, *At Elton church, co. Northampton.*

Here lyeth the Body of Carolina Daughter of the Reverend Mr David Standish Minister of St. Pauls in South Carolina in America Died October the xxi<sup>th</sup> 1727 | Aged 8 months. | [Chancel floor.]

Here lyeth y<sup>e</sup> Body of Elizabeth Richardson Standish daughter of y<sup>e</sup> Reverend David Standish late Rector of St Pauls Ston . . . in South Carolina in America by Elizabeth his wife | She died May y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1731 | Aged 2 years | Read this and . . . | Lament thy . . . | My life was short . . . | Blame not my . . . | [Chancel floor, stone worn.]

2. *At St. Mary the Less, Cambridge.*

Near this Place lyeth the Body of the Late Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr GODFREY | WASHINGTON of the county of York Minister of this Church | and Fellow of St Peters College | Born July the 16<sup>th</sup> 1676 | Dyed the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup> | 1719 | [Arms: Argent 3 bars sable, in chief as many mullets or. West wall of Nave.] R. H. EDLESTON.

*Gainford Vicarage, Darlington, England.*

WILLIAM B. TRASK, A.M.—Dartmouth College, at its last commencement, June 28, conferred upon Mr. William B. Trask, a former editor of the REGISTER, the honorary degree of Master of Arts. The *Boston Evening Transcript*, June 29, makes the following just remarks on this action:

"In conferring upon Mr. William Blake Trask of Dorchester the honorary degree of master of arts at its commencement, yesterday, Dartmouth College bestowed its honors wisely and well upon a modest and universally respected man who richly deserved the recognition in his chosen field of usefulness. For more than a generation Mr. Trask has labored quietly, diligently and successfully in behalf of the history and genealogy of New England. His critical acumen in deciphering the obscure handwriting in which our early colonial records were written has been of great public service and value for many years, and never more so than in the work, now in progress, of transcribing for the press the earliest volumes of Suffolk Deeds. This work can be done properly only by the comparatively few persons familiar

with the quaint handwriting of two hundred years ago, and the Board of Aldermen in recent years have acted wisely in availing of his skill ere it is too late. Mr. Task, unconsciously, has built his enduring monument in the papers of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register and the published volumes of Suffolk Deeds."

**AVERY'S ANCESTRAL TABLETS.**—The Burrows Brothers Company, Cleveland, Ohio, have published a series of diagrams so arranged that any number of generations of the ancestors of a person may be recorded in a simple and connected form. Each diagram contains blanks for four generations. The record can be continued indefinitely on succeeding sheets. Price for a portfolio, one sheet A, and 8 other sheets, 50 cts; for separate sheets, 5 cts. each or 50 cts. a dozen.

**DOVER, N. H., HISTORICAL MEMORANDA.**—The historical articles entitled "Historical Memoranda," in the *Dover Enquirer*, noticed by us in January, 1877 (vol. 31, page 117), and January, 1879 (vol. 33, p. 108), have appeared only at intervals since then. Sixteen new numbers have recently appeared, beginning with No. 422, April 6, and ending with No. 437, July 27. Subscription price of the *Enquirer*, \$1.25 a year in advance.

**SEAL OF THE SOUTHERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**—The *Richmond Dispatch* of August 11, 1888, says "There has recently been presented to the Southern Historical Society by an engraver of Boston, Mass., Mr. M. S. O'Donnell, an admirably executed seal, from a design furnished by the secretary of the society, Mr. R. A. Brook, and which was modelled after the design of the great or broad seal of the late Confederate States of America, the figures and the motto *Deo Vindice* being retained.

"The secretary has gathered the chief material towards the current volume (XVI.) of the *Southern Historical Society Papers*, which he hopes soon to commit to the printer."

**LIST OF ENGLISH COURTS OF PROBATE.**—George W. Marshall, LL.D., F.S.A., Rouge Croix Pursuivant, College of Arms, London, is preparing for the press a list of all the old Courts of Probate in England, showing when their records begin and where they are at present deposited. This will be very useful to genealogists, as it is a subject about which little is known, and the Government Returns are out of date and consequently misleading. Besides there are many wills preserved of which they make no mention.

**VIRGINIA GENEALOGY.**—A series of articles on Virginia history and genealogy was commenced June 18, 1888, in *The Critic*, a newspaper published at Richmond, Va., W. Cabell Trueman, editor and manager. The subscription price of *The Critic* is one dollar a year. Articles on the Carter, Bland, Lee, Cary, Wise, Page, Byrd, Chew, Tyler, Brent, Nelson, Archer, Gordan, Harrison, Randolph and other families are promised. Some of them have already appeared. An instalment appears in every paper. The articles seem to be prepared with care. We recommend the paper to the patronage of our readers.

**CENTENARY OF ORRINGTON, MAINE.**—On Thursday, the 28th of June last, the one hundredth anniversary of the settlement of Orrington was celebrated in that town. The historical address was by Hon. Joseph W. Porter of Bangor, Me., and speeches were made by Hon. Hannibal Hamlin and others. Two poems, one entitled "A Hundred Years 1788-1888" by Miss Rebecca R. Pierce, and the other "The Fore-mothers of Orrington" by Mrs. H. G. Rowe, were read. A full report of the proceedings is printed in the *Bangor Weekly Courier*, July 6, 1888.

**GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think may be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service

under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from colleges or professional schools, occupation, with places and date of births, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

*Avery.* By Homer D. L. Sweet, 93 Wieting Block, Syracuse, N. Y.—Mr. Sweet has been engaged for the last thirty years in collecting materials for a history of this family, and in connection with the Rev. William Clift, of Mystic Bridge, Ct., has secured the records of over six hundred families. Biographies and family records should be sent early to Mr. Sweet, at the above address. A prospectus of the proposed history of the family will be issued before long.

*Newton.*—Richard Newton (see *History of Marlboro'*, Mass., p. 496), b. about 1600; came from England; was in Sudbury in 1640. He probably had two wives, Anne and Hannah. He d. in Marlboro', Aug. 24, 1701, "almost a hundred years old." Are there any of the Newton name who would care enough for a copy of family with marriages to date (as far as years of labor has enabled a manuscript of it to be compiled), to ask the compiler to print it? If so, let each write a letter with whatever he or she knows of his or her own family, at once to E. E. (NEWTON) LEONARD, Box 90, DePere, Wisconsin.

PUBLICATIONS OF JOHN WARD DEAN.—The following list of the works of the editor of the REGISTER, prepared for another purpose, is here printed by request.

#### I. Volumes.

A Memoir of the Rev. Nathaniel Ward, A.M., author of the *Simple Cobbler of Agawam in America*, with Notices of his Family. Albany: J. Munsell, 1868. 8vo. pp. 213. *Note.*—Appendix XVII., 4 pages, was published in 1883.

Memoir of Michael Wigglesworth, Author of the *Day of Doom*. Albany: Joel Munsell, 1871. 8vo. pp. 160. *Note.*—This is called on the title page the "Second Edition," it being an enlargement of the "Sketch," published in 1863.

#### II. Pamphlets.

Sketch of the Life of Rev. Michael Wigglesworth. Albany: J. Munsell, 1863. 8vo. pp. 20.

A Brief History of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register. 8vo. pp. 8. Albany, 1863.

A Brief Memoir of Rev. Giles Firmin. Boston: David Clapp & Son, Printers, 1866. 8vo. pp. 16.

The Story of the Embarkation of Cromwell and his Friends for New England. Boston: Printed by D. Clapp & Son, 1866. 8vo. pp. 11.

Sketch of the Life of John H. Sheppard, A.M. Boston: 18 Somerset St., 1873. 8vo. pp. 16. With portrait.

Sketch of the Life of John Merrill Bradbury. Boston: Printed for Private Distribution, 1877. 8vo. pp. 16. With portrait.

Sketch of the Life of William Blanchard Towne, A.M. Boston: Published by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1878. 8vo. pp. 16. With portrait.

Descendants of Thomas Deane of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Boston: Privately printed, 1883. 8vo. pp. 12.

Memoir of Col. Joseph L. Chester, LL.D., D.O.L. Boston: Printed for Private Distribution, 1884. 8vo. pp. 24. With portrait. *Note.*—This memoir was reprinted by Mr. Joseph Foster in "London Marriage Licences, 1521-1589" (London, 1887), with other extracts from Mr. John J. Latting's memoir, and additional matter by Mr. Foster.

Memoir of Reuben Rawson Dodge. 8vo. pp. 8. Boston, 1885. With portrait.

Descendants of the Rev. Daniel Rogers, of Littleton, Mass. 8vo. pp. 8. Boston, 1885.

Sketch of the Life of Frederic Kidder. Boston: Printed for Private Circulation, 1887. 8vo. pp. 16. With portrait.

Memoir of Charles W. Tuttle, A.M., Ph.D., author of *Capt. John Mason, the Founder of New Hampshire*. Boston: Printed for Private Circulation, 1888. 8vo. pp. 21. With portrait. *Note.*—This memoir will be reprinted, with additions, in a volume of Mr. Tuttle's posthumous works, edited by Albert H. Hoyt, A.M., which is now in press.

Pedigree of Deane, broadside, Boston, 1855. Henry Kingsbury and his Descendants, 8vo. pp. 4, Boston, 1859. Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 8vo. pp. 3, Boston, 1859. A Glance at the Editors of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 8vo. pp. 4, Boston, 1879. Who Identified Bradford's Manuscript? 8vo. pp. 4, Boston, 1883. Specimen of the Register Plan for Arranging Genealogies, 8vo. pp. 4, Boston, 1883. Biographical Sketch of James Spear Loring, 8vo. pp. 4, Boston, 1885. The Printing of the Massachusetts and Plymouth Records and Mr. Pulsifer's Connection with it, 8vo. pp. 4, Boston, 1885. Biographical Sketch of George Mountfort, 8vo. pp. 4, Boston, 1886. Biographical Sketch of Francis Merrill Bartlett, 8vo. pp. 4, Boston, 1886. Biographical Sketch of John Bostwick Moreau, 8vo. pp. 4, Boston, 1887. Biographical Sketch of William Reed Deane, 8vo. pp. 4, Boston, 1888.

*Note.*—The following pamphlets were prepared by Mr. Dean in conjunction with others:

Brief Memoirs of John and Walter Deane and of the Early Generations of their Descendants. Boston: Printed by Coolidge & Wiley, 1849. 8vo. pp. 16. Authors, William Reed Deane and John Ward Dean.

Genealogy of the Family of Arnold in Europe and America. Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son, 1879. 8vo. pp. 16. Authors, John Ward Dean, Henry T. Drown, and Edwin Hubbard.

### III. *Volumes edited by Mr. Dean.*

The Historical Magazine, Vol. I., Boston, 1857. Sm. 4to. pp. iv.+380+xvi. Vol. II., Parts 1 and 2, Jan. and Feb., 1858, New York, 1858. Sm. 4to. pp. 64. Second Series, Vol. IV. Part 6, December, 1868, Morrisania, 1868. Sm. 4to. pp. 64. *Note.*—William H. Whitmore, A.M., was associate editor of the first number of Vol. I.

The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. XVI. No. 4, October, 1862. Albany, N. Y. 1862. 8vo. pp. 93. Vol. XVII., Albany, 1863, 8vo. pp. 387. Vol. XVIII., Nos. 3 and 4, July and October, 1864. Albany, 1864. 8vo. pp. 189. Vol. XXX., Boston, 1876, 8vo. pp. 497. Vol. XXXI., Boston, 1877, 8vo. pp. 468. Vol. XXXII., Boston, 1878, 8vo. pp. 456. Vol. XXXIII., Boston, 1879, 8vo. pp. 468. Vol. XXXIV., Boston, 1880, 8vo. pp. 444. Vol. XXXV., Boston, 1881, 8vo. pp. 419. Vol. XXXVI., Boston, 1882, 8vo. pp. 439. Vol. XXXVII., Boston, 1883, 8vo. pp. 425. Vol. XXXVIII., Boston, 1884, 8vo. pp. 476. Vol. XXXIX., Boston, 1885, 8vo. pp. 425. Vol. XL., Boston, 1886, 8vo. pp. 436. Vol. XLI., Boston, 1887, 8vo. pp. 449. Vol. XLII., Boston, 1888, 8vo. *Note.*—Mr. Dean was also joint editor with William B. Trask, A.M. and William H. Whitmore, A.M., of Vol. XIII., Boston, 1859, 8vo. pp. iv.+387; and Vol. XIV., Boston, 1860, 8vo. pp. iv.+390.

Memoir of Several Deceased Members of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Boston: Published by the N. E. Historic Genealogical Society, 1878, 8vo. pp. 191-76. With portraits.

Notices of Recent Publications. Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son, 1879, 8vo. pp. 24+12+16+12+8+12+12+12+12+9+9.

The New England Biblioplist, Vol. I., Boston, 1881, 8vo. pp. 130. Vol. II., Boston, 1883, 8vo. pp. 138. Vol. III., Boston, 1885, 8vo. pp. 134. Vol. IV., Boston, 1887, 8vo. pp. 158. Vol. V., Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, Boston, 1888, 8vo.

Captain John Mason, the Founder of New Hampshire. By Charles Wesley Tuttle, Ph.D. Boston: The Prince Society, 1887. Fcp. 4to. pp. xiii.+492.

### IV. *Pamphlets edited by Mr. Dean.*

A Declaration of Remarkable Providences in the Course of My Life. By John Dane, of Ipswich. Boston: S. G. Drake, 1854. 8vo. pp. 16.

*Note.*—Mr. Dean wrote the preface to, and had charge of the printing of "An Address before the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Sept. 13, 1859, the Hundredth Anniversary of the Death of Major General James Wolfe. By Lorenzo Sabine. Boston: Published by A. Williams & Co., for the Society, 1859." 8vo. pp. 100.



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*Bibliographical Notes on Witchcraft in Massachusetts.* By GEORGE H. MOORE, LL.D., Superintendent of the Lenox Library. Read before the American Antiquarian Society, April 25, 1888. Worcester: Printed for the Author. 1888. 8vo. pp. 32.

Here are described, with preciseness, care and evident impartiality, the documents, tracts and pamphlets which form in great part the literature of that calamitous period known as the Witchcraft delusion. The author describes these books as "among the rarest of the rare Americana," "the least valuable of them readily commanding a great price;" and he doubts whether any single library, even in Massachusetts, contains a complete set. The most notable of the works mentioned is, of course, Cotton Mather's "Wonders of the Invisible World," the character and publication of which is given at considerable length.

High praise is also bestowed upon the "More Wonders of the Invisible World," of Robert Calef, and the timely suggestion is made that this work be republished by the time of the second centennial of the terrible proceedings it aims to denounce.

Mr. Moore's words in condemnation of the delusion itself and of the part taken in it by some of the most learned men of the time are bold, outspoken and worthy of the highest commendation of the unprejudiced and impartial reader. Why such men of learning, ability and undisputed eminence in other matters as Stoughton, the Mathers and Sewall in this country, and Richard Baxter and Sir Matthew Hale in England, should have openly encouraged so gross a superstition, and in cold blood taken away the lives of innocent, virtuous and Christian people on evidence that would, at this time, have scarcely satisfied a backwoods court on the frontiers of civilization, passes comprehension. These men were looked up to by the common people as their guides, instructors, models and exemplars in matters of morality, religion and justice; and it seems to be a lame and impotent defence for them to claim that a belief in witchcraft was very widely spread in all ranks of the people, and that they, as leaders of public opinion, were actuated solely by the spirit of the age. They should have led, not followed, the popular judgment. What would be said if our eminent judges and moral teachers should give the weight of their learning and universally conceded abilities in support of the popular delusions, superstitions and crazes which at times sweep over communities even in this enlightened age?

Shakspeare, who was probably regarded by the Puritans as a strolling player and a vagabond, says, referring to the witches in his grand tragedy of *Macbeth*,

"And be these juggling fiends no more believed  
That palter with us in a double sense;  
That keep the word of promise to our ear  
And break it to our hope."

These lines were written nearly a century before the legal murders of the witchcraft victims. Well would it have been for the good name of the Puritan community of the time of William and Mary if "these juggling fiends" had not been believed in New England, for then twenty poor, innocent, helpless, and in some cases, aged men and women would not have been cruelly and ignominiously sent to an untimely grave by a body of learned men who ought to have known better.

If these things had happened in the fourteenth century or earlier, there might have been some excuse for the perpetrators, for then they might have pleaded ignorance. But they occurred two centuries after the invention of printing had diffused learning, intelligence and science broadcast over the civilized world. This it is that makes these semi-barbarous events a blot on the fair escutcheon of our early history.

One man alone of all the abettors in these misguided acts seems to have afterwards expressed a proper sense of humiliation, shame and sincere penitence for the part he took in them; and so long as a sense of justice shall survive, posterity, for this act alone, will read with honor and esteem the name of Samuel Sewall.

*By Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston.*

*The Congregational Year-Book*, 1888. Boston: Congregational Publishing Society. 1888. 8vo. pp. 404. Price 75 cts. postage paid.

The work before us is the most full and satisfactory of any denominational year-book with which we are acquainted. It is issued by the direction and authority of the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States, and comprises the general statistics of those churches for 1887 and "an alphabetical list of the Congregational ministers and of the officers and students of Congregational Theological Seminaries; the annual record of changes; the vital statistics of Congregational ministers deceased in 1887; statements of the national coöperative societies; the national and state organizations of churches; and other miscellaneous information." The editor of the Year-Book is the Rev. Henry A. Hazen of Auburndale, Mass., who has performed his work in a thorough and trustworthy manner. We hope that other religious denominations will follow the example of the Congregationalists and print full and reliable details relative to their churches and ministers.

*Alumni Oxonienses; the Members of the University of Oxford, 1716-1886; their Parentage, Birthplace, and Year of Birth, with a Record of their Degrees, being the Matriculation Register of the University, alphabetically arranged, revised and annotated.* By JOSEPH FOSTER. Vol. III. London: Joseph Foster, 21 Boundary Road N. W. 1888. Super Royal 8vo. pp. 438. To be completed in 4 volumes. Price £6. 6s. 0d. for the set. When sent by post 1s. 6d. a volume will be added.

Mr. Foster has done a good service to antiquaries, genealogists and biographers in editing and printing these matriculation registers of the University of Oxford. "Those," he justly remarks in his interesting preface, "who have ever been engaged in historical or biographical research; those who have endeavored to trace their descent, and to rescue their ancestry from oblivion; those who have laboriously established their claims to titles or estates; all have had occasion to lament the fact that although there exist in scattered quarters masses of record information, absolutely priceless for their purpose, they have remained buried in manuscript, difficult of access, troublesome to consult, and, in short, practically useless. First in importance among these records are the registers of our two great Universities, of the Inns of Court, and of our Public Schools. From them proceeded the scholars, the divines, the lawyers and the statesmen of England."

The value of the matriculation registers of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge is too well known to our readers to require any commendation from us. Our antiquaries and genealogists have found them invaluable in tracing the history of many of the leaders in the colonization of this country. Not a few natives of America have been educated in English universities, and important facts concerning them are preserved in their registers. All will be glad to see these registers in print.

The entries in the Oxford registers, here printed, have been arranged alphabetically, a work that has entailed a vast amount of labor, and one that is a great convenience

to those who use the books. The registers were copied and arranged to the year 1866, by the late Col. Chester (see *REGISTER*, vol. 38, pp. 8 and 18). Mr. Foster has completed them to the year 1886. He has also very thoroughly annotated the whole with information concerning the individuals derived from many sources.

The volumes are printed and bound in the handsome style that their contents deserve.

*An Address on the Occasion of the 250th Anniversary of the Settlement of New Haven, April 26, 1888. Delivered in the Centre Church, before the Congregational Club, April 23.* By WILLIAM L. KINGSLEY. New Haven: 1888. 8vo. pp. 66.

"The Historic Forces which gave rise to Puritanism" is the title which Mr. Kingsley gives to this address, delivered in New Haven in April last, the 250th anniversary of the settlement of that place. The subject of the address corresponds to the title and was of course peculiarly pertinent to the occasion. The New Haven colonists were, if any may be so classed, pre-eminently puritans. They were not more rigid in their tenets of belief or more vigorous in enforcing their political and ecclesiastical policies than others, but they sought to found their colony on Bible warrant alone. As the orator of the anniversary pointed out, "It was their plan to establish a state on Christian principles, beyond the reach of English authority, and without reference of any kind, express or implied, to the government of the King or to any of the institutions of their native land."

Among the chief of the historic forces enumerated is the translation into English, and the general circulation, of the Bible. In consequence, the orator says, they who in due time became known as puritans "no longer resigned all the great issues of life and death to the priesthood. Each man realized that he sustained a personal relation to God. The Bible prescribed the rule of conduct he was to follow. The Kingdom of God had been set up on earth, and he was to be, in every relation of life, loyal to its interests, and thus prepare himself for the service of God in heaven. This was puritanism."

The orator reverts to the condition of things in England 250 years before the settlement of New Haven, and finds in the events of the intervening period those experiences which moulded out of the rough and coarse material of the English people of the 14th and 15th centuries that high type of manhood which the puritan is now generally acknowledged to have represented.

The address is a treatise in miniature upon the rise of puritanism. The point of view throughout is that of the historian. With excellent literary skill the limitations of the hour were made to suffice for arraying a sufficiency of well chosen facts for a proper perspective, and thus the reader of these pages is given a picture of that long period which reached its consummation in the settlement of New England.

*By Daniel W. Baker, Esq., of Boston.*

*Fort Snelling, Minnesota, while in command of Col. Josiah Snelling, Fifth Infantry.* By Rev. EDWARD D. NEILL, D.D. 1888. 4to. pamphlet. Pp. 20.

This reprint from the columns of the Magazine of Western History is, we hope, the initial of a series of desired papers on the early history of various locations in our once western frontier, now the site of populous, enterprising and important cities. In the first eight pages, Dr. Neill has given a pleasant narrative of events preceding the establishment of a military fort at the junction of the Minnesota and St. Peter's rivers, dealings with the Indians, the creation of Indian Agencies and current events up to the arrival of Col. Snelling. Under this efficient officer, the first saw-mill was erected, the first flour ground and the first steamboat introduced to these northern waters. Dr. Neill has added to the historical value of his paper by numerous and copious foot notes, biographical and genealogical, concerning various officers, visitors, &c. identified with the Fort. To have saved so much from the maw of the cormorant, Time, is great credit. The paper closes at the death of Col. Snelling, which was, practically, simultaneous with the relief of the Fifth Infantry. A single subsequent page briefly alludes to the careers of Col. Snelling's four sons, one of whom, William Joseph Snelling, the author, is well remembered in Boston, where he spent the most of the latter years of his life. Col. Snelling was born in Boston in 1782, and entered the army in 1808 as Lieutenant of the 4th Infantry, of which he became Captain in 1809; for services at Tippecanoe and Brownstown was promoted Major in 1814; was Lieut. Colonel of the 4th Regt. Rifles and Colonel of the 5th Infantry in 1819. He died at Washington, in 1828.

*By George A. Gordon, A.M., of Somerville, Mass.*

*History of Weare, New Hampshire, 1735-1888.* By WILLIAM LITTLE. Published by the Town. Lowell, Mass.: Printed by S. W. Huse & Co. 1888. 8vo. pp. x.+1064. Price, cloth by express \$4, by mail \$4.50; sheep by express \$4.50, by mail \$5. Address, Town Clerk, Weare, N. H.

A considerable number of New Hampshire towns have shown a just appreciation of their past, and have preserved its record in exhaustive and well-written town histories published at the public expense, but few of them have equalled this elaborate History of Weare of more than a thousand pages. The first chapter is devoted to the "Topography and Names," and is a sample of the thoroughness with which the book was prepared. Everything is treated in detail,—flora, early settlers, religious societies, town and church controversies, Shaker settlement, military affairs, local literature, singing schools, grist-mills, &c. In fact it is one of the most satisfactory and complete town histories we have yet seen, and the people of Weare, and all in any way interested in the town or connected with it, may well be proud of this volume.

The genealogies fill more than three hundred pages, and are a most important feature of the work. The preservation of the records of births, marriages and deaths, especially those of past generations, is in our judgment a most essential characteristic of a good town history.

The book is well printed and indexed, and illustrated with portraits and other engravings. The author and the citizens of Weare have done themselves great credit, and set an example which we trust other towns will follow.

By George Kuhn Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.

*A Memorial Volume. The Record of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, and Admissions to the Church and Dismissals therefrom, transcribed from the Church Records of the Town of Dedham, Massachusetts, 1638-1845. Also all the Epitaphs in the ancient burial place in Dedham, together with the other inscriptions before 1845 in the three parish cemeteries.* Edited by DON GLEASON HILL, Town Clerk. Published by the town, 1888. Dedham: Printed at the office of the Dedham Transcript. 8vo. pp. xii.+347. Price \$2.25.

The Town of Dedham did itself great credit two years since in the publication of its town records of births, marriages and deaths, and it has again made a most important and welcome addition to genealogical and historical literature. The First Book of the records of the First Church in Dedham has been printed entire, and this in itself is a very valuable and complete ecclesiastical history of the early years of an ancient and typical New England parish.

The records of admissions, dismissals, baptisms, marriages and deaths, prior to 1845, of four religious societies are included, the whole having been copied verbatim from the original by Miss Sarah B. Baker, and most carefully edited by Don Gleason Hill, Esq., a thorough antiquarian, and an expert in such matters. The First Church dates from 1638, the South Parish from 1736, the Episcopal from 1769, and the First Congregational from 1818. The inscriptions from the stones in the different graveyards fill seventy pages, and constitute a valuable feature of the work. The general plan has been to print only those ante-dating 1846, but an exception has been made in the case of the First Parish burial-ground, all the inscriptions having been copied for the Dedham Historical Society by Rev. Carlos Slafter, A.M., and all appearing in the volume. The epitaphs are many of them quaint, and some uncommon; others, such as

"Stop my friend as you pass by,  
As you are now so once was I;  
As I am now so you must be,  
Prepare for Death & follow me,"

are familiar to "old mortalities." Everything is indexed in the best manner, and this book is a worthy companion and supplement to the Town Records. Would that more ancient towns, whose children are scattered over a continent, possessed Town Clerks like Mr. Hill, and citizens who appreciated the priceless records and memorials of the past. There are sketches of Hannah Shuttleworth, a generous public benefactor of Dedham, whose portrait forms the frontispiece, and to whom the volume is dedicated, and of John Allin, the first minister in Dedham, the former notice being by the editor and the latter by William F. Allen, A.M., of the University of Wisconsin. We regard this book as a model, and feel that it will be of great assistance to the genealogist, and of interest to all in any way associated with Dedham, or interested in her history.

By George Kuhn Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.

*Collections of the Historical Society of South Carolina. Vol. IV. Report of the Committee appointed by the General Assembly of South Carolina in 1740, on the St. Augustine Expedition under General Oglethorpe.* Published by the South Carolina Historical Society. Charleston, S. C.: Walker, Evans & Cogswell Co., Printers. 1887. 8vo. pp. 178+28+85+vil.+10+54.

This volume contains a large amount of valuable historical matter. The first 178 pages are devoted to the unsuccessful expedition in 1740 of General Oglethorpe, the founder of Georgia, against St. Augustine, then in Spanish territory. There has been much discussion in the past relative to the part taken in this enterprise by the South Carolina troops, and the criticisms have often been unfavorable to the reputations of the soldiers. We have in this publication the report of the legislative committee, who investigated the facts, and also a mass of other pertinent matter such as correspondence, depositions, extracts from private journals, military statistics, &c., the whole collectively presenting the subject of the expedition in a thorough and exhaustive manner, and satisfying the reader that the South Carolina participants have been unfairly treated, especially by writers who desired to apologize for Gen. Oglethorpe's failure. The book also includes an excellent address on the Twenty-First Anniversary of the South Carolina Historical Society, May 19, 1876, by William J. Rivers, Esq., and another address the following year by J. J. Pringle Smith, Esq. There is an appendix containing some apt criticisms and comments upon "The Life and Letters of George Cabot," by Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge; also an interesting memoir of Gen. Christopher Gadsden, the revolutionary patriot; and a valuable paper by Edward McCrady, Jr., entitled "Education in South Carolina prior to and during the Revolution." We regret that limited space will not permit us to do full justice to this important volume. Its publication is most creditable to the Historical Society of South Carolina.

By George Kuhn Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.

*Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire for the year 1885.* Volume XXXVII. New Series, Volume I. Liverpool: Printed for the Society. 1888. 8vo. pp. xvi.+168.

The present volume of *Transactions* has been edited by Richard Duncan Radcliffe, M.A., of Liverpool, England, one of the honorary secretaries of the Society. It is full of valuable historical and antiquarian matter. J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A., furnishes two papers, both showing his usual careful research, one on "The Twenebrokes or Twanbrook family, A.D. 1170 to 1831," the other on "Two Lancashire Rolls of Arms temp. Edward III. and Henry VIII.," which rolls are here printed with an explanatory introduction. Other papers are by Mr. William E. A. Axon, on "Thomas Luring, a Liverpool Worthy;" Mr. Charles D. Brown, on "The Ancient Parish of West Kirby;" W. Harry Rylands, F.S.A., on "Booksellers and Stationers in Warrington, 1639 to 1667, with a full list of the contents of a Stationer's Shop there in 1647;" Mr. James Bromley, "Extracts from the Commonplace Book of the Rev. Peter Walkden;" E. M. Hance, LL.B., "Extracts from the Parish Records of Upton;" and George Grazebrook, F.S.A., on "Fasacrelegh," being a Latin deed of land in that locality in 1325, with a translation—interesting as a specimen of the deeds of that day, the grantor and grantee and most of the witnesses not using surnames, and the reigning sovereign, Edward II., being named as "King Edward son of King Edward."

The volume also contains the proceedings of the Society, a list of members, and a number of interesting illustrations. It sustains the reputation of its predecessors.

*Nouvelles Recherches sur l'Origine du nom d'Amérique.* Par JULES MARCOU. (Extrait du Bulletin de la Société de Géographie.) Paris: Société de Géographie. Boulevard Saint-Germain 184. 1888. Pamphlet, pp. 85.

The author is the well known gentleman who first published, in 1875, a *mémoire* announcing that the name America, as applied to the Western Continent, was derived from the Amerique range of mountains, situated between Lake Nicaragua and the Mosquito coast, where Vespuceus and Columbus first touched the continent. The present treatise is designed to show how, from the common talk of the sailors and the discoverers, it passed into current speech in Europe, till it was adopted by the learned, printed in geographical papers, and on charts and globes, as an accepted and indisputable term. The author accounts for the application of the word to Vespuceus as an instance similar to what gave rise to

"Chinese Gordon," "Congo Stanley," and anciently to "Scipio Africanus." Furthermore, he contends that Vespucci's name was Albericus, and that to him belongs only the rare honor of having been the first white man to be called an American. The fact seems to be incontestable that mountains, under this indigenous name, are situated to the west of the landing of the early navigators; and also, that the mountains are and have been, from long before the discovery, inhabited by a race of Indian natives called, from the mountains, the Ameriques. The theory harmonizes with known facts. The author defends it with an interesting relation of authorities, circumstances and actions, on which his argument is based.

The earlier treatise of M. Marcou excited the attention of the geographers of Europe and America, which will be equally aroused by the present effort, as it deserves not only the careful reading, but the profound study of those qualified to accept or reject its conclusions.

*By George A. Gordon, A.M., of Somerville, Mass.*

*Ohio: a Poem for the Centennial Celebration, 1888.* By BERTHA MONROE RICKOFF. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1888. Oblong 8vo. 13 leaves.

In the tasteful volume before us, poetry and art combine to keep alive the memory of the pioneer settlers of Ohio, and to trace the progress of that state to its present place in history. The poem was read at a banquet of the Ohio Society of New York at Delmonico's, April 7, 1888, in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the settlement at Marietta, Ohio. Very fine illustrations by E. J. Meeker adorn the volume.

*Exercises at the One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Dummer Academy, at Newbury, Byfield Parish, June 19, 1888.* Address by HON. WILLIAM DUMMER NORTHEND. Salem: Printed at the Salem Press. 1888. 8vo. pp. 61.

The commemoration of the 125th anniversary of Dummer Academy was held last summer under the auspices of the Society of the Sons of Dummer. The historical address of the Hon. William D. Northend gives a carefully prepared and interesting history of the Dummer family, and of the academy founded by one of its members, Hon. William Dummer, lieutenant governor of the Province of Massachusetts. Besides the address, appropriate speeches and poems by other persons are printed in this volume.

*Narrative of a Journey down the Ohio and Mississippi in 1789-90.* By MAJ. SAMUEL S. FORMAN. With a Memoir and Illustrative Notes by LYMAN C. DRAFER. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1888. 12mo. pp. 67. Price—

This book gives an interesting description of travel on the frontier in the early days of the Republic.

General David Forman of New Jersey in 1789 entered into a negotiation with the Spanish Minister Don Diego De Gardaque, for his brother Ezekiel Forman of Philadelphia, to emigrate with his family, and about sixty colored people, men, women and children, and settle in the Natchez country, then under Spanish authority. Major Samuel S. Forman accompanied the party, and in this narrative gives a minute account of the trip, the places they passed through and at which they stopped, prominent people they met, and many other curious particulars.

The editor, the well known Dr. Draper, of Madison, Wisconsin, has laid us under a new obligation by editing this valuable manuscript in so thorough a manner and laying it before the public. His annotations add greatly to the value of the work.

*By the Rev. Daniel Rollins, of Baltimore, Md.*

*The Index Library; a Series of Indexes and Calendars to British Records.* Edited by W. P. W. PHILLIMORE, M.A., LL.B., Queen's College, Oxford. London: Charles J. Clark, 4 Lincoln's Inn Fields, W. C. Published Monthly, price 2s. a number. Annual subscription, one guinea. Part 11, November, 1888.

The First Part of this useful serial was noticed by us in January. This notice and an advertisement in the same number of the REGISTER give full details of the plan of the work. Its object is to "render accessible to students the vast mine of genealogical and topographical information contained in the Public Record Office and other depositories" of English records. The present number contains

instalments of, 1, Chancery Proceedings, 1625-49; 2, Northamptonshire and Rutland Wills, 1510-1652.

From time to time, Mr. Phillimore will give "detailed accounts of some of the calendars upon the shelves of the search-rooms at the Public Record Office and elsewhere, as such information," he thinks, "will prove useful to those students who are anxious that their inquiries shall be thorough and exhaustive." A beginning is made in this number.

We heartily commend the *Index* to our readers. We trust that the librarians and trustees of public libraries in the various parts of the United States will subscribe for it in behalf of their institutions, and that private collectors also will place it on their shelves. It promises to be a great aid to genealogical research.

*The Beginnings of American Science. The Third Century. An Address delivered at the Eighth Anniversary Meeting of the Biological Society of Washington.*

By G. BROWNE GOODE, President of the Society. Washington: Printed for the Society. 1888. 8vo. pp. 94.

Dr. Goode, president of the Biological Society, in his address at the previous anniversary meeting of that society, January 22, 1887, traced "the progress of scientific activity in America from the time of the first settlement by the English in 1588 to the end of the Revolution—a period of nearly two hundred years." In the address before us he takes up the consideration of the subject, and traces the history of science in this country for the third century—from 1782 to the present time. His accounts of scientific discoveries, scientific societies and scientific men during the last one hundred years are interesting, and show a thorough knowledge of the subject.

*L'Intermédiaire des Chercheurs et Curieux, Correspondance littéraire, Notes and Querries français, Questions et Réponses, Lettres et Documents inédits, Communications diverses.* Paris: Lucien Faucou, Directeur 18 rue Cujas. XXI<sup>e</sup> année No. 492, 10 Novembre, 1888. Price 18 francs a year.

This valuable bi-monthly has recently given welcome evidence of prosperity by arraying itself in new and beautiful type. Its contents comprise a delicious melange of fact and fancy, biography, history and literature. Let no one conclude, because mention is brief and compendious, that it must be superficial. Quite otherwise. The facts established are of prime importance historically, and the obtained accuracy most desirable. Items concerning prominent events and personages are discussed with ability; authorities are quoted for new, unusual or doubtful subjects in French history, or literature; topics of conversation furnished to the man of business or leisure; and additions made to the fund of every student, be he busy or idle.

The American agency of this magazine is with John Delay, of 3 Union Square, New York.

By George A. Gordon, A.M., of Somerville, Mass.

*Sermons for all Sects.* By CALEB D. BRADLEE, Senior Pastor of the Church at Harrison Square, Boston, Mass. Boston: W. B. Clark & Company. 1888. 12mo. pp. 283. Price \$1.50.

People never tire of listening to the words of strong and consecrated men. Culture may advance, but we never outgrow our desire to hear the message of the man of God. The pulpit has an attractiveness, the printing house cannot take away. And sermons when issued have a fascination unlike other literature. Sermons are not essays; and essays are not sermons. The volume of discourses before us is a happy mingling of the sermonic and literary elements. The discourses, twenty-eight in number, are at once suggestive, stimulating, expository, practical, and so, helpful to both the congregation who listened and to those who read them in quiet hours. Blessings will surely await them. The volume is dedicated by Rev. Dr. Bradlee to his "Friend of Many Years"—the Editor of the REGISTER.

By Rev. Anson Titus.

*Report and Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. For the years 1883, 1884 and 1885.* Vol. X. With a General Index to Vols. I. to X. Madison, Wis.: Democratic Printing Company, State Printers. 1888. 8vo. pp. 558.



*Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.* Edited and annotated by REUBEN G. THWAITES, Corresponding Secretary of the Society. Vol. XI. Published by Authority of Law. Madison, Wisconsin; Democratic Printing Company, State Printers. 1888. 8vo. pp. 548.

*Catalogue of the Library of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.* Vol. VII. (Fifth Supplement). Prepared by DANIEL S. DURRIE, Librarian, and ISABEL DURRIE, Assistant. Madison, Wis.: Democratic Printing Company, State Printers. 1887. 8vo. pp. 651.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin was organized January 30, 1849, and during the five following years collected about fifty volumes as the nucleus of a library. In March, 1853, an act of incorporation was obtained from the state, and in January, 1854, the Society was re-organized. Since that time more than a third of a century has passed, and the Society has issued eleven octavo volumes of Collections, and a catalogue of its library in seven volumes, besides a number of pamphlets. The Collections preserve a vast amount of material illustrating the history of the western territory of which the state of Wisconsin forms an important part. The reports of the Society to the close of the year 1885, were printed with the Collections. They are now printed separately. One series of publications is devoted to the proceedings of the Society and the reports of the executive committee, and the other series to the Collections proper, consisting of historical papers and documents. One part of the series, devoted to proceedings, was noticed by us in April last. The two volumes of Collections before us are the last volume of the first decade and the first of a second decade. The latter volume is the first that does not contain the reports of the executive committee.

To two members much of the unparalleled success of the Society is due, namely Lyman C. Draper, LL.D., who held the office of corresponding secretary from its organization in 1854 to 1887, and Daniel S. Durrie, A.M., the present librarian who was elected in 1855. They have both been laborious workers in building up the Society. Dr. Draper, two years ago, was succeeded by Reuben G. Thwaites, under whose editorial care the first volume of the second decade of the Society's Collections has been issued. He promises to be a worthy successor to Dr. Draper.

*Eastport and Passamaquoddy: a Collection of Historical and Biographical Sketches.* Compiled by WILLIAM HENRY KILBY. With Notes and Additions. Eastport, Maine: Edward E. Shead & Company. 1888. 12mo. pp. 506. Price \$2.50. For sale by G. E. Littlefield, 67 Cornhill, Boston, Mass.

"The town of Eastport, situated on a frontier island, its fortunes involved in boundary disputes, restrictive measures, and wars of two rival nations," says the author of this book, "has had a peculiar and eventful history. This has never been fully written out; but several articles prepared by competent writers, covering portions of the narrative, have from time to time appeared in print." These articles Mr. Kilby has collected in this volume, and adding to them several new articles by himself and others, has made a very interesting book upon the history of Eastport and vicinity. The chief of these reprints is a lecture by Jonathan D. Weston, Esq., on the History of Eastport, delivered in April, 1834, before the Eastport Lyceum. It was printed the same year, but has long been out of print. Several articles by Hon. Lorenzo Sabine, who at one time contemplated writing a history of Eastport, are also reprinted, namely, on the Early Settlers of Eastport; on Moose Island during the Restrictive Measures of the United States; on Moose Island, four years under Martial Law; and on the Early Ecclesiastical History of Eastport. Moose Island was the name of the island on which the present town of Eastport is situated. The contributions of Mr. Kilby himself to the volume are valuable and interesting. The book is well indexed and handsomely printed. Over fifty engravings illustrate the work.

*A Memorial Address on the late Marshall Pinckney Wilder, President of the New England Historic Genealogical Society.* By the Rev. ANDREW P. PRABODY, D.D., LL.D. Delivered before the Society January 18, 1888. Boston: Published by the Society. 1888. Royal 8vo. pp. 29. With portrait. For sale by the Society, 18 Somerset Street, Boston, Mass. Price 50 cts. in cloth or 25 cts. in paper.

*Biographical Sketch of Hon. Marshall P. Wilder.* Prepared for the Transactions of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. By ROBERT MANNING, Secretary. Boston: Printed by George E. Crosby & Co. 1887. 8vo. pp. 21.

*Memoir of the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, Ph.D., LL.D.* By HAMILTON ANDREWS HILL, A.M. Boston: Printed for Private Distribution. 1888. 8vo. pp. 15.

*Posthumous Address of the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, LL.D., President of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Read January 5, 1887, at the Annual Meeting following his death. With the other Proceedings on that occasion.* Boston: The Society's House, 18 Somerset Street. 1887. 8vo. pp. 48.

We give above the titles of some biographies of our honored president which have appeared since his death. To them we have added the title of the pamphlet containing his posthumous address to the society, its resolutions on his death and the tributes paid to his memory by its members.

The address of Dr. Peabody, which heads our list, proves the wisdom of the choice of the society, when it selected that eminent divine as its orator to commemorate the services of one whose long life was well filled with works done for the benefit of his fellow men. It is a comprehensive and appreciative survey of the life and character of Mr. Wilder.

Mr. Manning's sketch, as might naturally be expected, gives a more detailed account of Mr. Wilder's horticultural, pomological and agricultural life than any other biography; and it has evidently been prepared with much care and labor.

Mr. Hill's memoir is a reprint from the REGISTER for July last. As a very full memoir by the late John H. Sheppard, A.M., had appeared in this magazine twenty-one years before,—in April, 1867,—Mr. Hill was not called upon to dwell with so much detail as otherwise he would have been upon the events of Mr. Wilder's earlier life; but he has given an interesting summary of his career, particularly as a business man.

The posthumous address of President Wilder was the twentieth address which he prepared for delivery to the Society. These, his last words to his fellow members, show that the vigor of his mind had not abated, and that his interest in everything that concerned the Society was as ardent as ever.

*Our Fishery Rights in the North Atlantic.* By JOS. I. DORAN. Philadelphia: Allen, Lane & Scott's Printing House. 1888. 8vo. pp. 67.

This pamphlet is of considerable historical interest, as it deals with the mooted question of Fishery Rights under early charters and treaties as well as in recent times, and quotes from statesmen distinguished in the past. A great amount of valuable information is to be found in these pages, which bear evidence of faithful research, and they well re-pay careful perusal. We think the reader will incline to form an opinion unfavorable to the "Chamberlain-Bayard Treaty," which is given in full, and reviewed by the author, as its provisions are compared with those of earlier treaties. It is evident that the writer regards this treaty as inconsistent with the interests and dignity of the United States. Upon this we are not prepared to pass judgment. The volume is handsomely gotten up, and attractive in appearance.

By George Kuhn Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.

*An Elaborate History and Genealogy of the Ballous in America.* Carefully Compiled and Edited by ADIN BALLOU. With Numerous Artistic Illustrations. Ariel Ballou, M.D., and Latimer W. Ballou, LL.D., Proprietary Publishers. 1888. 8vo. pp. xiv.+1828. Price \$5 in half sheep, or \$6 in half goat. To be obtained of L. W. Ballou, cashier of Woonsocket National Bank, Woonsocket, R. I.

*Virginia Cousins. A Study of the Ancestry and Posterity of John Goode, of Whiby, a Virginia Colonist of the Seventeenth Century, with Notes upon Related Families, a Key to Southern Genealogy and a History of the Surname, Gode, Goad, Goode or Good.* By G. BROWN GOODE. With a Preface by R. A. BROCK. Richmond, Virginia: J. W. Randolph & English. 1888. Crown 4to. pp. xxxvi.+526. Price \$7 to \$10 according to binding. Sold by subscription.

*The Stanley Families of America, as descended from John, Timothy and Thomas Stanley, of Hartford, Ct., 1636.* Compiled by ISRAEL P. WARREN, D.D. Portland, Me.: Printed by B. Thurston & Co. 1887. 8vo. pp. 352. Price \$3.

*Pedigree of the Family of Biscoe.* By JOHN CHALLENGOR COVINGTON SMITH. London: Mitchell & Hughes. 1887. 4to. pp. 25. Price 3s. 6d. To be obtained of the author, J. C. C. Smith, 90 Church road, Richmond, Surrey, England.

- Historical Sketches of some Members of the Lawrence Family.* By ROBERT M. LAWRENCE, M.D. Boston. 1888. 8vo. pp. 215. Sent postpaid by Dammrell & Upham, 288 Washington St., Boston, Mass. Price \$2.
- Records of the Connecticut Line of the Hayden Family.* By JAMES HASKELL HAYDEN, of Windsor Locks, Conn. 1888. 8m. 4to. pp. 329.
- Biographical Sketches of Richard Ellis, the First Settler of Ashfield, Mass., and his Descendants.* Compiled by E. R. ELLIS, M.D. Detroit, Mich.: William Graham Printing Co. 1888. 8vo. pp. 488. Price \$3.50.
- The Genealogy of John Marsh of Salem and his Descendants, 1633-1888.* Collected and published by Col. LUCIUS B. MARSH, of Boston, Mass. Revised and edited by Rev. DWIGHT W. MARSH, of Amherst, Mass. Amherst, Mass.: J. E. Williams, Book and Job Printer. 1888. 8vo. pp. 288.
- Memorials of the Rev. Joseph Sumner, D.D., Minister of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, 1762-1824.* Worcester, Mass.: Printed for Private Distribution. 1888. 8vo. pp. 175. Edition limited to 50 copies.
- The History of the Dudley Family.* By DEAN DUDLEY. Number III. Wakefield, Mass. 1888. 8vo. 100 pages. Price \$1 a number.
- Sir Henry Roswell; a Devon Worthey. His Ancestry and History.* By FRANCIS B. JAMES. 8vo. pp. 10.
- Pearce Genealogy, being the Record of the Posterity of Richard Pearce, an Early Inhabitant of Portsmouth in Rhode Island.* By Col. FREDERICK C. PIERCE. 1888. Rockford, Illinois. 8vo. pp. 150. Price \$5. For sale by the author.
- Henry Willey, of New London, Conn., and his Descendants.* By HENRY WILLEY, New Bedford, Mass.: Printed for the Author. 1888. 8vo. pp. vi+166+17. Edition 200. Price \$2.50. Sold by the author, Henry Willey, of New Bedford, Mass.
- Some Records of the Beekman Family.* By JAMES R. GIBSON, Jr. 1888. 8vo. pp. 12.
- Memorial of the Whitcomb and Pierce Families.* Compiled by WILLIAM FREDERICK WHITCOMB, Boston. 1888. 8vo. pp. 23.
- Our Patronymics.* Compiled by ELIZABETH EDWARDS-GIFFORD. 1888. Royal 8vo. pp. 28.
- Chief Justice Fuller a Descendant of one of the Early Settlers of Dedham.* Printed for the Dedham Historical Society. 1888. 8vo. pp. 8.
- Genealogical Notes of the Whiting Family.* 1888. 8vo. pp. 8.
- The Genealogy of William Thornton Parker, A.M., M.D., of Boston, Mass.* Contributed by his son WM. THORNTON PARKER, M.D., of Newport, R. I. Newport, R. I.: John P. Sanborn, Printers. 1888. 8vo. pp. 10.
- Report of the Weeks Family Meeting for the Centennial Celebration of the Settlement of Holland Weeks in Salisbury, Vt.* Middlebury, Vt.: Register Company, Book and Job Printers. 1888. 8vo. pp. 20.

We continue in this number our notices of genealogical works recently published.

The first book on our list is the Ballou genealogy. The late Mr. Ira Ballou Peck, of Woonsocket, R. I. (author of the Peck Genealogy published in 1868), whose mother was a Ballou, commenced many years ago, probably more than a quarter of a century, to collect materials for compiling a history of the Ballou family. In 1882, not having time to compile the work himself, his manuscripts were placed in the hands of Rev. Adin Ballou, of Hopedale, for the purpose of completing the necessary researches and compiling a book on the history of the family. The financial responsibility of the publication was assumed by Rev. Mr. Ballou's brother, the late Ariel Ballou, M.D., and Hon. Latimer W. Ballou. The author, when he undertook this work, had just completed his elaborate history of Milford, Mass., and his experience on that book was of great service to him in his new undertaking. Mr. Peck stipulated in his contract that the book should contain, as far as practicable, the female as well as the male descendants, and this has been done. Mr. Ballou found the work laborious, complicated and tedious. Though nearly eighty years of age, he was not appalled, but set himself vigorously at work and has accomplished his task, the result being a book much larger than any of them had anticipated, containing more than 1,200 pages

and over 9,000 names. Mr. Frederick M. Ballou, of Providence, contributed time and money towards this book, and spent some time in England in making genealogical researches for the work. The book is highly creditable to all concerned. It is carefully compiled, handsomely printed in clear type, and embellished with eighteen portraits besides other illustrations. Considering the size and expense of the book, it is sold at a very low price.

The next book, that on the Good family, is by Dr. G. Brown Goode, of Washington, D. C., one of the most accomplished naturalists of this era. It is "the result of twenty-four years of assiduous research." Mr. B. A. Brock, secretary of the Virginia and Southern Historical Societies, and editor of their publications, contributes a preface in which he furnishes excellent reasons why family history should be preserved. He states that some of the best works of this kind have been prepared by scientific men, and names several eminent naturalists and philologists who have published genealogies. Of the present work he says: "Its merit in careful investigation and in conscientious statement is manifest, as is, most appealingly, its comprehensiveness in historic incident and reminiscence. I do not recal," he continues, "any similar work so fully freighted with interest." The history of the name and an account of the Goode family in England is given. The record of the descendants of John Goode, of Whitby, includes those of all names, so that it has been truly said: "There is scarce a family name of any duration of seating in Virginia of which some record will not be found in this admirable work." The appendixes contain much matter of genealogic interest, and the book closes with a full index. The volume is elegantly printed and has numerous portraits besides other engravings.

The book on the Stanley family is by the Rev. Dr. Israel P. Warren, editor of the *Christian Mirror*, Portland, Maine, and the author of several books which have been well received by the public. Besides the record of the descendants of the persons named on the title page, Dr. Warren here gives us an account of several English families bearing the name of Stanley. His volume shows praiseworthy research as well as care in its compilation. It is illustrated with numerous heliotype portraits. There is a good index.

The Biscoe genealogy was noticed by us in January, 1888, soon after its appearance. We notice it again to give the price of the work, and to say that copies can be procured from the author. The ancestry of Nathaniel Biscoe, an early and prominent settler of Watertown, Mass., is here given for several generations. His descendants will now have an opportunity to learn about their English relations, and their own ancestors.

The Lawrence book was noticed by us in October last. We repeat the title for the purpose of stating where and at what price it can be purchased.

The volume on the Hayden family begins with an account of the Haydens in England, filling thirty-eight pages, illustrated by five autograph views of buildings and their interiors. This was contributed by Rev. William B. Hayden, of Portland, Maine. Then follows the proceedings in the Gathering of Haydens, Sept. 2, 1885, including addresses by the compiler of this volume, Mr. Jabez Haskell Hayden, of Windsor Locks, Ct., and Rev. William B. Hayden before named. The genealogy proper fills over two hundred pages. It is nearly fifty years ago that Mr. Hayden commenced gathering, in the intervals of business, information about the Hayden family, and in 1859 a portion of his collections was published by Dr. Stiles in his *History and Genealogies of Ancient Windsor*. About seven years ago, on reaching the age of threescore and ten, he retired from active business and has devoted much of his time to his favorite researches and the compilation of this book. Among the illustrations is a fac-simile of a deed, Nov. 28, 1663, to William Hayden of Windsor, the ancestor of the Connecticut Haydens, from Anthony Hawkins. The deed is in the handwriting of Matthew Grant, the emigrant ancestor of President U. S. Grant. Many portraits and views adorn this handsome volume. It is carefully compiled and well indexed.

The book by Dr. Ellis, of Detroit, is chiefly devoted to the descendants of Richard Ellis, born at Dublin, Ireland, August 16, 1704, whose father was a native of Wales. He was the first settler of Ashfield, Mass., then called Huntstown, to which place he removed in 1745. His descendants are here fully traced and fill 272 pages of the book. The remainder of the volume, nearly 200 pages, contains a paper by Rev. Thomas Shepard, entitled *Sketches of Ashfield, Mass.* Mr. Shepard was the minister at Ashfield from 1819 to 1833. The manuscript of this paper has for nearly fifty years been in possession of Mr. Henry S.

Ranney, and is printed by his permission. It is a valuable contribution to the history of Ashfield. The book is a credit to the author. It has a good index, and is well printed and bound.

The Marsh genealogy is devoted to the descendants of John Marsh, an early settler of Salem, Mass., and his wife Susanna daughter of Rev. Samuel Skelton. The compiler, Col. Lucius B. Marsh, has taken great pains to gather and verify, by deeds and other public records, all early statements; and also to obtain from living authorities and from records and printed works facts that will secure an equal accuracy as to the later generations. The book is well prepared and handsomely printed on fine white paper and in legible type. It has a good index.

The volume entitled *Memorials of Rev. Joseph Sumner, D.D.*, is noticed here as it contains as one of its appendixes one line of the Sumner genealogy. The book contains a biographical sketch of Rev. Dr. Sumner, of Shrewsbury, Mass., his journal and almanac notes from Jan. 17, 1768, to Dec. 31, 1823, and other historical and biographical matter. Most of this material has been gathered from papers left by Dr. Sumner at his death, and will assist those who write the history of Shrewsbury and its vicinity. The book is elegantly printed and illustrated by several portraits of Dr. Sumner—one a steel engraving, another a full length heliotype and two silhouettes. A portrait of his wife and other illustrations are given.

The third part of Mr. Dudley's *History of the Dudley Family* maintains the interest of the work. It contains a biography of Gov. Joseph Dudley, and a sketch of the life of his brother, Paul Dudley, senior, with the wills of both. A Genealogy of the descendants of William Dudley, an early settler of Guilford, Ct., is also given here. Other interesting matter concerning the Dudleys in this country and England is found. The number is illustrated by portraits, facsimiles and other engravings. Mr. Dudley has been collecting materials for his work for more than forty years.

Miss James's paper on the ancestry and history of Sir Henry Rosewell, was read at Exeter, England, in July last before the Devonshire Association for the Advancement of Science, Literature and Art. This paper is another evidence of the thorough research of this lady. It has an interest for New Englanders, from the fact that Sir Henry Rosewell's name is found in the charter of Massachusetts at the head of the grantees. Very little, before this, was known concerning him. The pamphlet closes with a tabular pedigree. The author's present address is Rockbeare Manor, near Exeter, Devon, England.

The book on the Pearce family by Col. Pierce, of Rockford, Ill., is devoted to the descendants of Richard Pearce, an early settler of Portsmouth, R. I., whom the author claims as a brother of Capt. William Peirce, the famous shipmaster who commanded the *Lyon* which arrived at Boston Feb. 9, 1630-1. Col. Peirce thinks he has good reason for believing that Richard Pearce was descended from the Percys, and 29 pages are devoted to the English family of that name. Much labor has evidently been spent on the book. It has an index and is well arranged and well printed.

The Willey genealogy is by Mr. Henry Willey, editor of the *Daily Evening Standard* of New Bedford. Isaac Willey, the emigrant ancestor of this family, was of Boston as early as 1640, removed to Charlestown a few years later, and in 1645 went with John Winthrop, Jr., to New London, where he died about 1685. The author, who has been assisted by one of the most able genealogists of our day, Mr. D. Williams Patterson of Newark Valley, N. Y., gives us in the work before us a very satisfactory record of this family. It is well printed and indexed.

The pamphlet on the Beekman family is reprinted from the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* for April last. Much valuable matter is here preserved concerning the Beekman family, whose ancestor emigrated from Holland in the middle of the seventeenth century and settled in New Amsterdam now New York city.

The Whitcomb-Pierce Memorial gives the ancestry and descendants of Col. Asa<sup>a</sup> Whitcomb of Lancaster, who was a great-grandson of John<sup>1</sup> (Jonathan,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>3</sup>) Whitcomb, who settled at Dorchester, Mass., as early as 1633. The record of the ancestry and near kindred of the compiler's mother, Caroline Pierce, is also given. The book is creditable to the author.

The pamphlet entitled "Our Patronymics" is compiled with much care. It furnishes genealogical sketches of the families of Edwards, Cleveland, Parsons, Hunt, Gifford, Anthony, Slade, Sherman and other surnames. It has been

printed for distribution to immediate relatives of the compiler, Mrs. Gifford of Skaneateles, N. Y. Among the distinguished persons whose ancestry is here given are President Cleveland and Gen. W. T. Sherman. Two centenarians, Mrs. Hannah Parsons Cleveland and her daughter, Mrs. Olive Cleveland Clarke, the former the compiler's grandmother, are here found. A sister of Mrs. Clarke, namely Mrs. Hannah Cleveland King, of Otisco, N. Y., now living, is nearly one hundred years old.

The pamphlet on the Fuller family is by Mr. Don Gleason Hill, president of the Dedham Historical Society and editor of the two printed volumes of Dedham Records. It gives one line of the descendants of Thomas Fuller, an early settler of Dedham, Mass., for seven generations, ending with the family of Hon. Melville W. Fuller, chief justice of the United States. Mr. Hill has been very successful in obtaining full details of this descent. The pamphlet is a reprint from the *Dedham Transcript*.

The pamphlet on the Whiting family is by Mr. Andrew Fuller Whiting, of Hartford, Ct., the custodian of the Ledger of Col. John Whiting, treasurer of Connecticut, which "has been passed to the youngest son of each generation in direct line of descent, in which the first entry bears date 'March 1716-7,' and in which (with one exception) each has recorded his family record." The emigrant ancestor of this family is William Whiting, an early settler of Hartford, Ct. The work is carefully prepared.

The Parker genealogy is by Dr. Parker, of Newport, R. I., who contributed to the REGISTER the article on "An Old Landmark of Boston," printed in vol. 41, page 263. The account of his father, the late Dr. Parker, of South Boston, and his ancestry, is quite interesting.

The last pamphlet gives an account of a pleasant meeting of the Weeks family, held Aug. 23, 1888, at the residence of W. Harrison Brigham, at West Cornwall, Vt., on the centenary of the settlement of Holland Weeks, a native of Pomfret, Ct., in Vermont. The principal addresses are by Rev. George A. Weeks of Paris, Ky., on Holland Weeks, and by Mr. Robert D. Weeks, of Newark, N. J., author of the Genealogy of the Weeks Family, noticed by us in January, 1886, giving a history of the compilation of that work with a statement of the results of his investigations.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TO DEC. 1, 1888.

### I. Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.

A Memorial Address on the late Marshall Pinckney Wilder, President of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. By the Rev. Andrew P. Peabody, D.D., LL.D. Delivered before the Society, January 18, 1888. Boston: Published by the Society. 1888. Royal 8vo. pp. 29. With portrait. Price in cloth 50 cts., in paper 25 cts.

Memoir of the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, Ph.D., LL.D. By Hamilton Andrews Hill, A.M. Boston: Printed for private distribution. 1888. 8vo. pp. 15. With portrait.

Exercises at the one hundred and twenty fifth Anniversary of Dummer Academy, at Newbury, Byfield Parish, Mass. June 19, 1888. Address By Hon. William Dummer Northend. Salem: Printed at the Salem Press. 1888. 8vo. pp. 61.

Groton Historical Series, Vol. II. No. VI. Groton, Mass. 1888. 8vo. pp. 149-171. Narrative of a Journey down the Ohio and Mississippi in 1789-90. By Maj. Samuel S. Forman, with a memoir and illustrative notes by Lyman C. Draper. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke and Co. 1888. 8vo. pp. 67.

Hubbard's Map of New England, engraved probably by John Foster, the first printer of Boston. Remarks made before the Massachusetts Historical Society, November 8, 1888, by Samuel Abbott Green, M.D., with a facsimile of the map. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1888. 8vo. pp. 10.

Memorial Discourse delivered in the Winthrop Church, Holbrook, May 27, 1888, by E. Russell, D.D. Randolph: Norfolk County Register and Holbrook News. Daniel H. Huxford, Publisher. 1888. 8vo. pp. 80.

Mr. Froude's Negrophobia or Don Quixote as a Cook's Tourist. By N. Darnel Davis. The "Argosy" Press. Demerara: 1888. 8vo. pp. 45.

## II. Other Publications.

Banquet given by the Learned Societies of Philadelphia at the American Academy of Music, September 17, 1887. Closing the ceremonies in commemoration of the framing and signing of the Constitution of the United States. Philadelphia: Printed for the Committee. 1888. 8vo. pp. 86.

Pennsylvania and the Federal Constitution, 1787-1788. Edited by John Bach McMaster and Frederick D. Stone. Published for the Subscribers by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. 1888. 8vo. pp. 803.

Historical Collections. Collections and Researches made by the Pioneer and Historical Society of the State of Michigan. Vols. X. and XI. Lansing: Thorp and Godfrey, State Printers and Binders. 1888. 8vo.

Report of the Secretary of the Class of 1863 of Harvard College. June, 1863, to June, 1888, printed for the use of the class. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son, University Press. 1888. 8vo. pp. 256.

1788-1888. The Centennial of the Cumberland Association of Congregational Ministers at the Second Parish Church in Portland, Maine, Monday and Tuesday, May 28 and 29, 1888. 8vo. pp. 75.

Proceedings in commemoration of the settlement of the town of New Haven, April 25th. 1888. 8vo. pp. 69.

Minutes of the Seventy-Ninth Annual Meeting of the General Association of the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches of New Hampshire, Sept. 11, 12, and 13, 1888. Eighty-Seventh Annual Report of the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society. Bristol, N. H. 1888. 8vo. pp. 102.

Catalogue of the Library of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Vol. 8. First Supplement. Madison, Wis.: H. B. Bolens, State Printer. 1875. 8vo. pp. 383.

Proceedings and Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada for the year 1887. Volume V. Montreal: Dawson Brothers, Publishers. 1888. Large 8vo.

History and Directory of Needham, Massachusetts, for 1888-89. Containing a complete Resident, Street and Business Directory, Town Officers, Schools, Societies, Churches, Post Offices, etc. etc.; also a history of the town from the first settlement to the present time. A. E. Foss & Co. Needham: Press of G. H. Ware, 48 Lincoln St., Boston. 8vo. pp. 157.

Transactions of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for the year 1887. Part II. Boston: Printed for the Society. 1888. 8vo. pp. 435-443.

Register of the University of California, 1887-88. Berkeley: Published by the Regents of the University. 1888. 8vo. pp. 158.

Richmond, Va., An Outline of its Attractions and Industries. By W. D. Cheslerman. Prepared by order of the Chamber of Commerce and published under the direction of its Committee on Information and Statistics. Richmond: Wm. Ellis Jones, Book and Job Printer. 1888. 8vo. pp. 24.

Journal of Lieutenant Tjerck Beekman, 1779, of the Military Expedition of Major General John Sullivan against the Six Nations of Indians [reprinted from Magazine of American History for August, 1888]. Sq. 8vo. pp. 129-136.

Mess Account of Lieut. Tjeck Beekman, 1778 to 1780—with notes by James R. Gibson, Jr. [reprinted from the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record for July, 1888]. Sq. 8vo. pp. 7.

Yale Graduates in Western Massachusetts. By Alpheus C. Hodges, Pastor of the Congregational Church, Buckland, Mass. Reprinted by permission from the fourth volume of the New Haven Colony Historical Society. 8vo. pp. 298.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ALUMNI OXONIENSES, 1500-1714.—In our memoir of Col. Joseph L. Chester in the REGISTER for January, 1884, pages 7, 8 and 18, we gave an account of the transcription by Col. Chester of the Matriculation Registers of Oxford University from 1567 to 1869, which he had with enormous labor arranged alphabetically and copied into seven large folio volumes. In our issue of January, 1886, we announced that Mr. Joseph Foster, the author of the British Peerage,

Baronetage and Knightage and other meritorious genealogical works, had purchased for a large sum Col. Chester's Marriage Licences and also this work, and had issued proposals for printing both works by subscription. The Marriage Licences were arranged alphabetically by Mr. Foster and published in 1887. A notice of them will be found in this periodical for April, 1887.

The Matriculation Registers of Oxford University were completed to the year 1886 by Mr. Foster, who after thoroughly annotating them commenced the publication of the latter portion from 1715 to 1886, in four large octavo volumes. The third volume is noticed by us this quarter, and the last volume has reached us since this announcement was in type.

The publication of the Registers from 1715 to 1886 has entailed a loss upon him, but Mr. Foster is willing if sufficient encouragement is obtained to print the earlier portion, 1500 to 1714, though he will have to charge a higher price for the volumes. This section will have a particular interest for New England people. Mr. Foster has issued the following prospectus:

"The completion of the present section of 'Alumni Oxonienses' affords me the opportunity, which I gladly embrace, of thanking my subscribers for their support, by which alone this great undertaking has been brought to a successful issue. Many of them are now begging me to lose no time in issuing the earlier series (1500 to 1714), for which they are eagerly waiting. The MS. is in a very advanced state; but I fear I must shrink from actually committing myself to its publication unless my list of subscribers to it greatly exceeds the present number.

"It may seem almost incredible that the publication of the present series of this most valuable and important work, which has been enthusiastically welcomed by students and in the public press, should nevertheless have resulted in a present deficit of £2,000. But such is the case, and this being so it is absolutely necessary that the earlier series (1500 to 1714) should be issued at an increased rate, viz., in 4 vols. at two guineas each to subscribers, instead of a 31-6 as in the latter series. Should a sufficient number of subscribers send in their names before January 1, the first instalment could be ready by midsummer.

"Historically and genealogically the entire series will prove of the greatest interest to the student of personal history, and most of all it will be welcome to genealogists throughout the world, for from its pages they will henceforth be able to construct whole pedigrees based on a series of irrefragable proofs of even greater value than the Herald's visitations themselves."

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DEVONSHIRE AND CORNWALL "NOTES AND GLEANINGS."—A magazine entitled *Notes and Gleanings* will be commenced this year by W. Cotton and James Dallas, 59½ High Street, Exeter, England. It will be devoted chiefly to the registration of facts of special interest connected with the counties of Devon and Cornwall. Annual subscription six shillings; by post six shillings and six pence.

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WINSLOW MEMORIAL.—Those who possess the first volume of this *magnum opus* of the late Dr. D. P. Holton, will be pleased to learn that its *second* volume is *in press* and nearly ready for delivery. His widow and life-long associate in this work (Mrs. F. K. Holton, 12 Clinton Place, New York City) has, during the past five years, made herculean efforts and sacrifices to accomplish its completion. Laboring amid discouragements of all sorts, and under conditions of health almost insuperable, she had it almost ready for publication a year ago,—when by the fire in *The Century Building* she lost most of her printed matter, portraits, and the Index to the two volumes. With great courage she has replaced these, and the completed work will probably be in subscribers' hands in or about January, 1889. Price \$5.

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ANDOVER RECORDS.—The *Andover Townsman*, a newspaper published at Andover, Mass., of which the Rev. C. C. Carpenter is editor, on the 19th of October last, began printing the records of births, marriages and deaths of that town which begin in 1649. Interesting notes are given in each number of the paper. Persons who have a genealogical interest in Andover will do well to subscribe to the *Townsman*. Price \$2 a year in advance.



**HENRY R. STILES, M.D.**—This gentleman has lately accepted the editorship of a new illustrated historical magazine to be entitled *The National Historical Magazine*. It will be issued monthly from the press of Messrs. Joel Munsell's Sons, Albany, N. Y. Its field will be the United States—historical, biographical, literary and industrial. The first number will probably appear in April, 1889.

**GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think may be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from colleges or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of births, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

**Bartlett.** By Hiram Bartlett Lawrence, 185 Pine Street, Holyoke, Mass.—It will contain a nearly complete record of the descendants of Robert Bartlett, who settled in Plymouth in 1623.

**Driver.** By Mrs. Harriet Ruth (Waters) Cooke, 43 East 57th Street, New York city.—The book is devoted to the descendants of Robert Driver, who settled at Lynn in 1630, according to Lewis, and his wife Phebe, both of whom lived to be over eighty years of age. About fifty families of their descendants have been traced. An Appendix will contain accounts of twenty-three collateral families, namely, Archer, Babblidge, Beckford, Bray, Cash, Crowninshield, Daland, Derby, Flint, Herrick, Ives, Kimball, Luscomb, Metcalf, Moses, Neal, Palmer, Patterson, Saunders, Silsbee, Webb and Wellman. The compiler is a descendant, being a daughter of Harriot (Driver) and William Waters of New York. Mr. Perley Derby of Salem has been engaged to look up the early generations of the family. Much historical matter will be given in the text and also in the appendix. The companions of William in the conquest of England in 1066 will be printed in the appendix, descendants of whom occur in the Driver family. The book will make about 500 pages. The edition will consist of 300 or perhaps 500 copies. It is to be a free gift to descendants and contributors. To all others, the price will be \$2.50, which is less than cost.

**Pillsbury.** By Emily A. Getchell, 15 Woodland St., Newburyport, Mass.—The first of the name, William Pillsbury, came from England to Dorchester in 1641, and in 1651 removed to Newbury, whence his posterity have spread through the United States. This genealogy was commenced some years since by Mr. David B. Pillsbury, the present compiler assisting. He died two years and a half ago. At the reunion of the Pillsbury Family in September last, it was voted to proceed with the undertaking and a committee was appointed. The compiler wishes to hear from persons bearing the name or connected by blood with the family.

**Putnam.** By Eben Putnam, P. O. Box 2713, Boston, Mass.—Mr. Putnam is preparing a genealogical record of the descendants of John Putnam, of Danvers, 1640. Blanks will be sent on application. The compiler requests, in order that the work may be completed at an early date, that copies of family records, addresses of persons of the name, and other information, be sent to him at once.

**Robinson.** By Charles E. Robinson, P. O. Box 1001, New York, N. Y.—This work, which is devoted to the Genealogy of the Robinsons, descendants of emigrants to America previous to 1700, and their English ancestry, and has been prosecuted on a very extensive plan, since the summer of 1881, will contain a complete lineage of the descendants of the Rev. John Robinson, of Leyden, Hol., the father of the pilgrims; also many other branches of the Robinsons prominent in the early history of this country, and it is most earnestly urged upon all interested in this work, who have not already done so, to communicate with the compiler immediately, who will transmit to them, by mail, blank forms for the records of their family.

**Whitcomb.** By F. W. Shepardson, of Granville, Ohio.

**Young.** By Dr. Aaron Young, 295 Columbus Avenue, Boston, Mass.—Dr. Young's collection is very large and consists of many distinct families, the ancestral heads of whom settled in as many different towns throughout New England.

**TOWN HISTORIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons having facts or documents relating to any of these towns are advised to send them at once to the person engaged in writing the history of that town.

*Rumford, Maine.* By William B. Lapham, M.D., of Augusta, Maine.—The readers of the REGISTER know that Dr. Lapham is the author of several valuable town histories. The work he is now engaged upon promises to be an interesting one. We trust that those who are able to assist him by furnishing facts or documents will do so.

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*Winslow Memorial. Family Records. Winslows and their Descendants in America, with the English Ancestry as far as known.—Kenelm<sup>1</sup> Winslow. Vol. II. By DAVID PARSONS<sup>1</sup> HOLTON, A.M., M.D., and his wife Mrs. FRANCES K.<sup>1</sup> (FORWARD) HOLTON.—New York: Mrs. Frances K.<sup>1</sup> Holton, Publisher. 1888. Pages 539–1057; Appendices, 179; Indices, 133—total, 840 pages. Illustrated with 12 steel plate portraits, and 5 on wood, or other process; 4 views, 1 map and 1 facsimile of document. Price \$5.*

When Dr. Holton died, in 1888, he left some 400 pages of this second volume, in electrotyped plates, and about 250 pages of manuscript more or less prepared for publication. Unwilling that this should be lost to the family, and desirous of completing what she felt was the best monument which could be erected to her husband's memory, Mrs. Holton has been laboring through the past 12 years to get it into print. Of the inherent difficulties of such a task, genealogists need not to be informed; but when such work is done, as this has been, under every form of discouragement, from want of sufficient interest in those for whose benefit this labor has been taken, from accidents and from conditions of physical ill-health and weariness, no word of adverse criticism can be urged against any minor defects which may be noticed in its pages: only admiration and respect for the courage and constancy which hath wrought so great a labor of love.

Those of the Winslow name now have a Family Record of which they will be proud; and to the thousands (in other names) who will delight to trace their connection to one of the noblest families of New England, these two noble volumes present a most interesting field of research.

This work is of a nature and value which will speedily tend to make it rare and not easily procurable. We therefore urge upon those who wish to possess a copy, the necessity of applying for it without delay, to Mrs. Holton, No. 12 Clinton Place, New York city.

By Henry B. Stiles, M.D., of Hill View, Lake George, N. Y.

*A Vindication of General Samuel Holden Parsons against the charge of treasonable correspondence during the Revolutionary War.* By HON. GEORGE B. LORING. From the Magazine of American History for October, 1888, with an Appendix containing letters from Gen. W. T. Sherman, Hon. Charles J. McCurdy and Charles A. Hall, Esq. Printed at the Salem Press. Salem, Mass. 1888. 8vo. pp. 88.

This is an interesting and important paper designed to restore to its former place in the estimation of the American people, the name of a brave officer of the Revolution. For a hundred years the memory of Gen. Parsons had been cherished, when the discovery of a certain letter threatened to reverse the verdict of a century. We cannot better state this circumstance than by a quotation from the Cyclopædia of American Biography, recently published. "It has recently been discovered in a letter that is preserved in the manuscript volume of Sir Henry Clinton's original record of daily intelligence, now in the library of Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet of New York city, that Parsons was in secret communication with Sir Henry Clinton, and that one William Heron, a representative from Fairfield in the Connecticut legislature, was the intermediary to whom Parsons wrote letters, which with the knowledge of their author were sent to the enemy's head-quarters."

Dr. Loring by quotations from letters to and from Washington, and by other reliable evidence, seeks, and we think successfully, to show that Gen. Parsons was worthy the confidence of his Commander-in-chief, and of his countrymen; that his letters were simply written as a decoy, and that Heron, while undoubtedly a spy, was deceiving the British, and was in sympathy with the Americans. The fact that Heron was never treated as a Tory by his townsmen, and that he held important offices long after the war had closed, is certainly evidence in favor of this view of him. We do not believe that Gen. Parsons, who was eminent as a civilian, and was one of the fathers of the Marietta Colony, could have had a more able defender than Dr. Loring, who has certainly made a strong case for the defence.

*By George Kuhn Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.*

*Landmarks in Ancient Dover and the Towns which have Sprung Therefrom.* By MARY P. THOMPSON. Concord, N. H.: Republican Press Association. 1888. Royal 8vo. pp. 85.

This little volume is a valuable contribution to the local history of New Hampshire; and will be hailed with great satisfaction by all who are interested in the antiquities of the towns originally forming a part of Dover.

In 1887, Dr. John R. Ham, of that city, published a little pamphlet of eighteen pages, entitled, "Localities in Ancient Dover," which was noticed in the REGISTER for July of that year. The present, much larger and fuller work, supplements Dr. Ham's pamphlet by correcting certain mistakes and supplying omissions, and by extending its scope. The author, Miss Thompson, an accomplished and very careful student of local history, has, in these pages, given a description, arranged in alphabetical order, of over two hundred and fifty localities in Dover and the towns formed from it, which are named in early records or traditions; including rivers, creeks, coves, brooks, ponds, swamps, islands, hills, bridges, falls, and, most interesting of all, the numerous old garrison houses. Some account is given of each place, comprising as far as possible a statement of its situation and the origin of the name, with frequent references to the early settlers. In this way, much valuable information is included of a genealogical character.

The book is a monument of patient and conscientious labor, which can only be appreciated by the conveyancer or the antiquarian,—involving an immense amount of search in Dover, Durham, Newington, etc., and among the County records of Exeter. It contains, as its author believes, a complete list of all the old localities in Madbury, Durham, Lee, and the coast of Newington; perpetuating some local names that have been utterly lost, even to tradition; and giving the first complete account of the many garrison houses at Oyster River (Durham);—identifying the sites of some that have been in dispute, and including others that had passed into total oblivion.

The book will be of value to conveyancers in examining old titles to real estates; and still more to students of local history. Miss Thompson has rendered a great service to the history of her native town. The idea of the work is an excellent one, and the example should be followed in every old town in the country.

*By David Greene Haskins, Jr., A.M., of Cambridge.*

*Typographiæ Neo-Eboracensis Primitiæ. Historical Notes on the Introduction of Printing into New York, 1693.* By GEORGE H. MOORE, LL.D., Superintendent of the Lenox Library. New York: Printed for the Author. MDCCC-LXXXVIII. 8vo., paper, pp. 18.

This little work relates mainly to William Bradford, the celebrated printer, and his early New York publications dating from 1693, the year that he was established in that province, of which there are fourteen described. A preliminary notice of Governor Francis Lovelace, the second English governor of New York, and his efforts to establish printing in New York, forms a very interesting introduction to the main subject. Some account of Governor Benjamin Fletcher is also given.

Mr. Bradford and his typographical work has never found an abler or more worthy advocate and historian than Mr. Moore, whose easy, fluent and graceful literary style gives an interest to the dry details of history not often found in writers in this field of literature. There is none too much history of the early printers of this country, and this little work will therefore be consulted with interest by future investigators of this subject. Bradford's unjust treatment by the authorities of Pennsylvania is well described. As this treatment led to his advancement as "printer to King William and Queen Mary at the city of New York," and to the friendship and support of Governor Fletcher, it may be said to have been the ill wind that eventually "blew him good." This work is commended to the attention of all historic readers.

*By Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston, Mass.*

*Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire.* For the year 1886. Volume XXXVIII.—New Series, Volume II. Liverpool: Printed for the Society. 1889. 8vo. pp. xvi.+178.

The Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire was organized in 1848. The Earl of Ellesmere, lord-lieutenant of Lancashire, was its first president and the Bishop of Chester now fills the office, having succeeded Thomas Glazebrook Rylands, F.S.A., in 1885. Other persons of distinction have held the office, among them the Right Hon. William Ewart Gladstone, who was president from 1863 to 1866. The Society's roll of members contains some very distinguished names, among them the Marquess of Salisbury and Mr. Gladstone, the heads of the two great political parties of England.

The Society has issued thirty-eight volumes, filled with valuable historical and antiquarian matter relating to the two counties. The present volume, which has been edited by E. M. Hance, LL.B., one of the honorary secretaries of the Society, will sustain the reputation of previous volumes. The editor, Mr. Hance, contributes Notes on the Ancient Cheshire Families of Bennett of Saughall Massey and Bennett of Barnston; J. Venn, Sc.D., F.R.S., furnishes Notes on the Family of Penketh, co. Lancaster; Lieut Col. Fiswich, F.S.A., contributes a paper on Rochdale in the beginning of the Seventeenth Century; T. N. Morton contributes a list of the manuscript records of the Family of Moore of Liverpool, and W. O. Roper furnishes a paper on The Missing History of Warton by John Lucas. Mr. Hance's article of the Bennett Family is a particularly valuable one, filling over 100 pages of the volume, and is illustrated by three beautiful illuminated facsimiles,—a pedigree and two coats of arms.

*The British Invasion from the North. The Campaigns of Generals Carleton and Burgoyne from Canada, 1776-1777, with the Journal of Lieut. William Digby of the 53d or Shropshire Regiment of Foot. Illustrated with Historical Notes.* By JAMES PHINNEY BAXTER, A.M. Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons, 82 State Street. 1887. Sm. 4to. pp. viii.+412, cloth. Price \$5; by mail \$5.25.

The basis of this work is a hitherto unpublished journal of a British officer in the Revolutionary war. Mr. Baxter gives this account of it:

"While engaged during the fall and winter of 1885-6, in examining manuscripts in English archives relative to America, a Journal in the British Museum, written by William Digby, an officer in the army of invasion, and containing interesting particulars relative to the two campaigns of 1776 and 1777, attracted my attention, and I obtained permission from the Museum authorities to have it copied. Having familiarized myself with the Journal, I became so interested in it, that I laid aside other work in which I was engaged and began collecting materials for annotating it. This work led to a study of the subject, of which



the Journal treats but partially, and to complete my task properly, a succinct account of the two campaigns and of questions growing out of them connected with the hero of the final and more important one—General Burgoyne—seemed necessary as introductory to Digby's work; hence my account of the campaigns of Carleton and Burgoyne."

Lieut. Digby's journal is in two divisions. The first is devoted to the Campaign of 1776 under Gen. Guy Carleton and extends from April, 1776, when the writer sailed from Cork, to Nov. 16, when the troops went into winter quarters. The second, devoted to the Campaign of 1777, under Lieut. Gen. John Burgoyne, begins May 6, 1777, and ends with the capture of the army at Saratoga.

Mr. Baxter has given us in the volume before us a very full and valuable account of the British Invasion from the North. He has prefixed to Lieut. Digby's Journal an introductory chapter, containing a carefully prepared summary of the events in these important campaigns, and has annotated in an exhaustive manner the Journal itself.

The book, which forms No. 16 of Munsell's Historical Series, is printed uniform with that series, in old style type, on antique paper and with uncut edges. It has a good index. It is a worthy companion to the previous volumes which are so highly prized.

*The Registers of the Parish of Wandsworth in the County of Surrey (1603-1787).*

Transcribed by JOHN TRAVIAS SQUIRE, a Member of the Harleian Society. Lymington: R. E. & C. T. King. 1888. Royal 8vo. Part II., Baptisms 1676-1787, pp. 185; Part III., Burials 1603-1678 and 1727-1787, pp. 148. To be completed in four parts. Price 5 shillings each part, or £1 1s. for the complete work bound in cloth. Address, Mr. J. T. Squire, 35 Birdhurst Road, Wandsworth, Surrey, England.

The first part of this work was noticed by us in January, 1888. Since then numbers 2 and 3 have been issued and are now before us. They are, like the previous number, handsomely printed, uniform with the publications of the Harleian Society. Mr. Squire, the editor, has done his work faithfully, and the work should meet with a quick sale. The proximity of Wandsworth to London, and the fact that the Registers contain numerous entries relative to the Huguenots, both French and Dutch, who settled there, give them more than a local interest. There are many New England surnames here.

*American Ancestry; giving the Name and Descent in the Male Line of Americans whose Ancestors settled in the United States previous to the Declaration of Independence.* Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons, Publishers. 1888. Vol. III. Part 3. Large 8vo. 101 pp. Price of Vol. III., complete, \$5. Price of Vols. I. and II., \$2.50 each.

This part completes the third volume of American Ancestry. The plan and object of this serial have been described and approved in previous numbers of this magazine. The records of the several individuals which appear in American Ancestry, serve a two-fold purpose, they record briefly the known genealogical facts concerning the person, and are a means of obtaining other facts. Many distinguished men have their pedigrees recorded here. The work will be of much service in the study of heredity.

*Memoir of Rev. Elias Nason, A.M.* By WILLIAM BLAKE TRASK, A.M. Boston. 1889. 8vo. pp. 36. With a portrait. Price 25 cts. For sale by David Clapp & Son, 35 Bedford St., Boston, Mass.

This is a reprint of the excellent memoir of Mr. Nason by his friend Mr. Trask, which was printed in the January REGISTER. It is an interesting summary of the life of one who won distinction as an author, lecturer and preacher. His many friends and admirers will be glad of an opportunity of obtaining his memoir in the handsome style in which this pamphlet is issued. The readers of the REGISTER, of which he was the editor for several years, will also desire to own the memoir in separate form.

*Biographical Record of the Class of 1838 in Yale College. Printed for Private Distribution.* New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, Printers. 1879. 8vo. pp. 148.

*Supplement to the Biographical Record of the Class of 1838 in Yale College.* Printed by order of the Class. 1889. 8vo. pp. 24.

The editor of these records of the Class of 1838 in Yale College, is William Woodbridge Rodman, M.D., of New Haven, Ct., the class secretary. The class celebrated last year the fiftieth anniversary of its graduation, and the Supplement contains the proceedings at that meeting and one on the forty-fifth anniversary, with additions to the biographical and statistical history of the class for the last ten years.

The class of 1838 consisted of 70 graduates, besides which, forty-eight other persons were at some time members of the class. Of these 118 persons, more or less biographical information is given. Of most of the graduates and some of the undergraduates, full and detailed accounts are given. Many members of the class have won distinction in the various walks of life.

*Life and Times of Judge Caleb Wallace, some time a Justice of the Court of Appeals of the State of Kentucky.* By WILLIAM H. WHITSITT. Louisville: John P. Morton & Company, Printers to the Filson Club. 1888. 4to. pp. 62+1+151. Price \$2.

The volume before us forms the fourth number of the Publications of the Filson Club. This Club is composed of "prominent citizens of Kentucky who are interested in the preservation of the early history and pioneer traditions of their state."

Caleb Wallace was born in Albemarle county, Va., in 1742, and was graduated at the College of New Jersey in Princeton in 1770. He was licensed in 1772 as a Presbyterian minister. Ten years later he removed to Kentucky, where he became distinguished as a clergyman and civilian. He died in 1814. In this volume are gathered some very interesting details concerning Judge Wallace and the early history of Kentucky, among the pioneer emigrants of which state he was prominent. He accomplished much in the cause of religious liberty and education.

"His most memorable work," we are told, "was the part he took in establishing Transylvania Seminary in the summer of 1783, and in establishing Transylvania University during the year 1798. In connection with that labor, he conceived, elaborated and persuaded the legislature to adopt and endow the earliest system of education in Kentucky, which at that time was perhaps the best contrivance for public instruction that existed anywhere in the United States."

There is much genealogical matter interspersed through the book relating to the Wallace family and to other families connected with the subject of this volume. The author deserves great praise for the interesting volume he has given us.

*Indian Names of Places near the Great Lakes.* By DWIGHT H. KELTON, A.M., Captain U. S. Army, Author of *Annals of Fort Mackinac*; *History of the Sault Ste. Marie Canal Society*. Vol. I. Detroit, Michigan. 1888. 8vo. pp. 55. In cloth.

At this period when so many of the western territories are shaking off their chrysalis condition and are about to be enrolled among the great sisterhood of States, the timely appearance of this little volume serves to remind us of the exceeding propriety of bestowing fitting Indian names upon these proposed new members of the Union. We need not be told that the aborigines are gradually but surely disappearing from the land which once they held as masters; and little or no trace remains behind to tell us of their former powerful condition. The giving of their tribal names to the new States is at least some slight compensation for the loss of an interesting race whom we shall never see again. In place of the ungainly compound names of North and South Dakota, why were not these proposed new states called Dakota and Pembina, or some other equally good name for the last mentioned? In place of Washington, why not Tacamah? so on with the others.

Capt. Kelton has made a collection of forty-seven local names, giving their Indian titles and the origin, etymology and significance of these last, together with their terminal variations among the different tribes. With these are a few Indian legends which are well described and add no little interest to the work. The legend of Mishimakwa is charmingly told, and serves as an excellent illustration of the author's careful research. Indeed the entire book is so interesting that one regrets that Capt. Kelton did not extend his field of labor by making a

more complete list of Indian names. But what he has given us is excellent, and gives evidence of much careful and painstaking investigation. The book is well printed, and is a welcome addition to our books relating to the Indian languages.

*By Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston.*

*Somerset Incumbents. From the Hugo MSS. 30,279-80 of the British Museum.*

Edited by FREDERIC WILLIAM WEAVER, M.A., formerly Demy of Magdalen College, Oxford. Editor of the Visitations of the Counties of Somerset and Hereford. Joint Editor of Somersetshire Wills. Bristol: Privately Printed for the Editor by C. T. Jefferies and Sons. 1889. Royal 8vo. pp. 476+li. Present price to American Subscribers 25 shillings, post free. The price will soon be raised. Address, Rev. F. W. Weaver, Milton, Evercreech, Somerset, England.

Two manuscripts in the British Museum, called the "Hugo MSS.," are the basis of this work. The editor, the Rev. Mr. Weaver, gives this account of the manuscripts and their author:

"They have evidently been compiled from the Bishops' Registers at Wells, probably about the year 1730. They were, I believe, bequeathed to the British Museum by the Rev. Thomas Hugo (died 1877), the author of several papers in the Proceedings of the Somerset Archaeological Society. The Rev. T. S. Holmes, vicar of Wookey, writes to me: 'All I know about the man whom I regard as the author of the Hugo MSS. is as follows: Edmund Archer, S.T.P., archdeacon of Taunton, 1712, and archdeacon of Wells, 1726, died 1739.' One or two later dates occur in the MSS., but they are by a later hand. In the preface to the Wells Cathedral MSS. (Hist. MSS. Commission) the editor, the Rev. J. A. Bennett, writes: 'Dr. Archer (the friend and correspondent of T. Hearne), as the margins of Lib. Alb. I., Lib. Rub. II., Lib. Alb. III., and several MS. books of dates in the Cathedral Library show, was a most diligent and accurate student of the Archives of his Cathedral; his labors have lightened mine considerably.'

"The Hugo MSS. are not written in columns but in narrative form, and are in Latin."

In the book before us the parishes in each of the Archdeaconries of Wells, Bath and Taunton are arranged alphabetically, while the incumbents of the several parishes are chronologically arranged. Separate columns are devoted to "Date of institution;" "Incumbent;" "How vacated;" "Patron" and "Ref. Bishop's Register."

The Rev. Mr. Weaver has edited this book in a very praiseworthy manner. His annotations add much to its value. It is a useful contribution to English biography and to the history of the parishes of the county of Somerset. Those who have had occasion to use the lists of incumbents of parishes in the diocese of London which appear in Newcourt's Repertorium, will be able to appreciate the importance of the present work. It supplies information that will be sought by American as well as English genealogists and antiquaries.

*The Condition of the Archdeaconries of Suffolk and Sudbury in the Year 1603.*

By Rev. C. H. EVELYN WHITE, F.S.A. 8vo. pp. 40.

This paper is reprinted from the sixth volume of the Proceedings of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and Natural History. "Among the Harleian Manuscript Collections in the British Museum (595, No. II., f. 168)," says the Rev. Mr. White, "is to be found the substance of certain Returns made by the clergy of the diocese of Norwich in answer to a circular letter addressed by Archbishop Whitgift to the Bishops of the Province of Canterbury in June, 1603 (probably in obedience to some desire on the part of the king, James I.), requesting to be informed of the number of communicants in the several dioceses, and what number of recusants; also the names of such of the clergy as held two benefices, the number of impropriations and how they were served; what parsonages that had vicarages belonging to them and the values; and, who the patrons were of the several livings. . . . The chief value of these Returns consists in the insight we obtain of the actual condition of the Church of England at one of the most eventful periods of her history."

The returns from the Archdeaconries of Suffolk and Sudbury are printed in this pamphlet, having been carefully edited by the Rev. Mr. White. The information here preserved will be found useful to antiquaries and genealogists.

*Washington's Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation. A Paper Found among the Early Writings of George Washington. Copied from the Original with Literal Exactness, and Edited with Notes by J. M. TONER, M.D.* Washington, D. C.: W. H. Morrison. 1888. 8vo. pp. 34. Price 50 cts.

This is the first time these Rules have been printed entire. They have been copied by Dr. Toner with "literal exactness," a form in which every lover of the father of his country would desire to have them. They were written by him at about the age of thirteen. No one has been able to decide whether these rules are original, a compilation, or a mere copy. Dr. Toner has made diligent research to trace them to their source, but has found nothing in the books he has examined "either identical with, or at all similar to them in form or arrangement," though he considers it possible that they may have been copied from some work on etiquette which he has failed to find. Their merit is remarkable if written by Washington at that early age. The work is brought out in a handsome form, and the editor has added much to its value by his preface, introduction and annotations. Dr. Toner has nearly ready for the press the Diaries and Journals of Washington, taken by him from the original manuscript and arranged in chronological order with notes. We trust that this work will soon make its appearance.

*A Genealogy of the Van Voorhees Family in America, or the Descendants of Steven Coerte Van Voorhees of Holland, and Flatlands, L. I.* By ELIAS W. VAN VOORHIS. New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1888. 4to. pp. 725.

*Historic Families of Kentucky. With special Reference to Stocks immediately Derived from the Valley of Virginia; tracing in Detail their various Genealogical Connexions and Illustrating from Historic Sources their Influence upon the Political and Social Development of Kentucky and the States of the South and West.* By THOMAS MARSHALL GREEN. First Series. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 8vo. pp. 304. Price \$2.

*John Leigh of Agawam (Ipswich), Massachusetts, 1634-1671; and his Descendants of the Name of Lee, with Genealogical Notes and Biographical Sketches of all Descendants, so far as can be obtained; including Notes on Collateral Branches.* Compiled by WILLIAM LEE. Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons, 82 State Street. 1888. Sm. 4to. pp. vii.+491. Price \$5; by mail, \$5.25.

*The Goodrich Family in America. Together with a Short Historical Account of the Family in England, the Origin of the Name, a Description of Goodrich Castle, etc.* Edited for the Goodrich Family Memorial Association by LAFAYETTE WALLACE CASE, M.D. Chicago: Fergus Printing Company. 1889. 8vo. pp. 417.

*The Hurlbut Genealogy, or Record of the Descendants of Thomas Hurlbut of Saybrook and Wethersfield, Conn., with Notices of Others not identified as his Descendants.* By HENRY H. HURLBUT. Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons, Publishers. 1888. 8vo. pp. 545. Price \$5.

*Memorials of Robert Lawrence and Robert Bartlett and their Descendants.* By HIRAM BARTLETT LAWRENCE. 8vo. pp. 224. 1888.

*Butleriana, Genealogica et Biographica; or Genealogical Notes concerning Mary Butler and her Descendants.* By JAMES DAVIE BUTLER. Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons, Publishers. 1888. 8vo. pp. 162.

*Charles E. Wiggin.* 1813-1888. 16mo. pp. 148.

*Oliver Genealogy, a Record of the Descendants of Joseph, Reuben and Levi Oliver, and of Pierre Elisée Gallaudet, M.D.* By REV. HORACE EDWIN HAYDEN, M.A. New York. 1888. 8vo. pp. 23+4.

*Celebration of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Landing of Samuel Packard in this Country, August 10, 1638, at Brockton, Mass., August 10, 1888.* Issued by the Packard Memorial Association. 1888. 8vo. pp. 72.

*Report of the Fifth Annual Reunion of the Eaton Family Association, held at Boston, October 31, 1888.* New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, Printers. 1888. 8vo. pp. 21.

*The Trotts of Dorchester and Boston.* By EDWARD DOUBLEDAY HARRIS. Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son. 1889. 4to. pp. 4. With folding tabular Pedigree.

We continue in this number our quarterly notices of recent genealogical publications.

The Van Voorhees genealogy is a sumptuous volume on a prominent New York family. Mr. Van Voorhis, of New York City, the compiler, is the author of "Notes on the Ancestry of Major William Roe Van Voorhis, of Fishkill, N. Y.," and of "Tombstone Inscriptions from the Churchyard of the Dutch Church, Fishkill Village, N. Y.," works which show his ability as a genealogist and an antiquary. He is also a member of the New York Historical Society and the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. The present bulky work was undertaken owing to the favor with which his book, noticed by us in April, 1882, on the ancestry of Major William R. Van Voorhis, was received. The book displays much research and much taste in the selection of materials. It is handsomely printed on thick white paper, with wide margins, and has a very full index.

Mr. Green, the author of the next volume, "Historic Families of Kentucky," says in his preface: "In writing these pages the object has been, not to tickle vanity by reviving recollections of empty titles or imaginary dignities or of dissipated wealth; but in a plain and simple manner to trace from their origin in this country a number of Kentucky families of Scottish extraction, whose ancestors, after having been seated in Ireland for several generations, emigrated to America early in the eighteenth century, and became the pioneers of the Valley of Virginia, to the communities settled in which they gave their own distinguishing characteristics. A later generation of these same families of the Valley were among the early pioneers of Kentucky." Records of the McDowells, the Logans and the Allens are preserved in this volume, which is carefully prepared and well indexed. We shall look with interest for the coming series of this work, and trust the future volumes will be as valuable as this.

The next volume, devoted to the Lee family, descended from John Leigh, of Ipswich, Mass., is by William Lee, M.D., of Washington, D. C., who has spared no labor in making it full and reliable. Before the fight at Concord, Dr. Joseph Lee of that town gathered memoranda for a family history, and in 1817 his grandson, Thomas Jones Lee, of Calais, Maine, by correspondence and other means obtained materials and compiled a history of the family. His manuscript genealogy fell into the hands of Dr. Lee, the compiler of this volume, who has labored for years to complete and perfect it, and now lays it before the public. To the main work the author prefixes genealogical sketches of the Lees of Great Britain and more detailed accounts of the various families of Lee found in America. The work is compiled with care and judgment. The book is handsomely printed with large type and liberal margins. It is very fully indexed.

The next title is that of a handsome volume on the Goodrich family. In October, 1883, we printed a notice of the first part of a book on this family, but the work was suspended after the issue of a second number. Since then the Goodrich Family Memorial Association has been organized, under whose auspices the present work has been issued. The compiler is Dr. Lafayette W. Case, of Chicago, Ill., who has done his work faithfully. The volume contains descendants of John and William Goodrich of Wethersfield, Ct., Richard Goodrich of Guilford, Ct., and William Goodrich of Watertown, Mass., besides an account of the family in England. It is illustrated by portraits and views, and is well indexed.

The next volume is by Mr. Hurlbut of Chicago, the author of "Chicago Antiquities." It is devoted to the descendants of Thomas Hurlbut of Saybrook and Wethersfield, Ct., who came to America as early as 1637. The author has been very successful in gathering materials which he has clearly arranged in the book before us. It is illustrated by portraits and numerous autographs, and is well indexed. It makes a handsome volume. The author acknowledges assistance from the well-known and accurate genealogist, Mr. D. Williams Patterson of Newark Valley, N. Y.

The volume devoted to the Lawrence and Bartlett memorials is by Mr. Bartlett of Holyoke, Mass. It is in four parts; the first devoted to the Lawrences, and the second, third and fourth to the Bartletts. The Lawrence family here recorded is descended from Robert Lawrence, who settled at Sandwich in Barnstable County in the seventeenth century. The emigrant ancestor of the Bartletts here recorded was Robert Bartlett, who came in the "Anne" in 1623 and settled at Plymouth. No connection has been traced between him and Richard

Bartlett, an early settler of Newbury, Mass., whose family and history are given by Mr. Brown in his article, "Newbury and the Bartlett Family," in the REGISTER, vol. 40, pp. 192-204. The author has performed his task in a creditable manner. The book is well printed and has good indexes.

The book on the Butler family is by Prof. James Davie Butler, LL.D., of Madison, Wisconsin, who began his genealogical researches about fifty years ago, and who published in 1847, in the first volume of the REGISTER, pages 167-170, a tabular pedigree of his family, with notes. Since then Prof. Butler has continued his genealogical researches with good results. Mrs. Mary Butler, of Boston, the ancestress of the family to which this book is devoted, was the mother of Stephen Butler of Boston, a soldier in King Philip's war. Her husband's christian name has not been ascertained. She married, secondly, Benjamin Ward, by whom she had one child, Mary, wife of William Holloway. In tracing Mary Butler's descendants, the author has not confined himself to those bearing the surname Butler, but has traced them into the Harris, Bates, Sigourney, and other families. The book is handsomely printed, is illustrated by portraits and views, and is well indexed.

The Wiggin book is mainly a memorial of Charles Edward Wiggin, a highly esteemed citizen of Boston, who died March 12, 1888, in his 60th year. About half the book is devoted to biographical material relating to Mr. Wiggin. The rest of the volume is a history and genealogy of the Wiggin family descended from Capt. Thomas Wiggin of Dover, N. H. It is a useful volume. A portrait of Mr. Wiggin illustrates it.

The pamphlet genealogies of the Oliver and Gallaudet families is by the Rev. Horace E. Hayden, of Wilkes Barré, Pa., who has done his work thoroughly. The genealogies are reprinted from the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record. The Oliver family here recorded is traced to New York, Delaware and Pennsylvania. No relationship has been found between it and the New England family of Thomas Oliver, 1631. The Gallaudets are traced to New Rochelle, N. Y. The pamphlet is well printed and is embellished with a portrait of Capt. Paul A. Oliver.

The pamphlet issued by the Packard Memorial Association contains the proceedings at the commemoration at Brockton, on the 10th of August last, of the quarter millenary of the landing of the immigrant ancestor, Samuel Packard, in this country. There were, as usual in such cases, a procession and a dinner. The latter was followed by speeches, poems, and extracts from letters from those who could not attend, all of which appear in this pamphlet. A list of the persons present, and a view of them in a group, are also given.

The report of the Eaton Family Association, besides the business proceedings at the gathering, Oct. 31, 1888, has an appendix of much genealogical interest. It contains reports from the persons engaged upon the several New England families of Eaton, in which are given genealogies of the early generations of these families, namely the descendants of Francis Eaton of Plymouth, of John Eaton of Dedham, of John Eaton of Haverhill, of John Eaton of Reading, and of William Eaton of Reading.

The Trott Family is a reprint from the REGISTER.

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TO MARCH 1, 1889.

### I. Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.

A History of the New Hampshire Convention, 1788. By Hon. Joseph B. Walker, of Concord, N. H. Boston: Cupples & Hurd, Publishers. 1888. 8vo. pp. 128.

Butleriana Genealogica and Biographica, or Genealogical Notes concerning Mary Butler. By James Davie Butler, of Madison, Wis. Joel Munsell's Sons, Albany, N. Y. 1888. 8vo. pp. 162.

Note Book kept by Capt. Robert Keayne, an early settler of Boston. 8vo. pp. 7.

Remarks made before the Massachusetts Historical Society, March 14, 1889. By Samuel Abbott Green, M.D. John Wilson's Sons, Cambridge.

"Miscellanies by an Officer." Col. Arent Schuyler de Peyster, British Army, 1774-1813. With original Letters of Col. de Peyster; Discovery of De Peyster Islands,

&c., and Biographical Sketches of the De Peyster, Watts and affiliated Families since their settlement in the present United States. Col. J. Watts de Peyster, LL.D., M.A., Columbia College, N. Y. New York: C. H. Ludwig, 10 & 12 Reade St. 1883. 8vo. pp. 202.

Historical Notes on the Introduction of Printing into New York, 1693. By George H. Moore, LL.D. New York: Printed for the Author. 1888. 8vo. pp. 18.

Note Book kept by the Rev. William Brinsmead, the First Minister of Marlborough, Mass.

The British Invasion from the North. The Campaigners of General Carleton and Burgoyne from Canada, 1776-1777. With the Journal of Lieut. William Digby of the 63d or Shropshire Regiment of Foot. Illustrated with Historical Notes by James Phinney Baxter, A.M. Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons. 1887. Sm. 4to. pp. viii.+412.

A Vindication of General Samuel Holden Parsons against the charges of treasonable correspondence during the Revolutionary War. By Hon. George B. Loring. Salem, Mass. 1888. 8vo. pp. 38.

Oliver Genealogy, a record of the Descendants of Joseph, Reuben and Levi Oliver, of New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware, 1727-1888; and of Pierre Elisée Gallaudet, M.D., of New Rochelle, New York, 1711-1888. By Rev. Horace Edwin Hayden, M.A. New York: 1888. Royal 8vo. pp. 23+4.

## II. Other Publications.

Board of Trade of the City of Hartford, Conn., Meeting of October 1, 1888. Introductory remarks by the President, J. M. Allen. Report of the Secretary, P. H. Woodward. 8vo. pp. 14.

The Story of New York. By Elbridge S. Brooks. Boston: D. Lothrop Company, Franklin and Hawley Streets. 8vo. pp. 311.

Tributes to Judge Manning and Chief Justice Waite, at the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Education Fund. New York, 3d October, 1888. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1888. 8vo. pp. 11.

Proceedings on the presentation of three portraits to the Peabody Normal College University of Nashville, 3 October, 1888. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1888. 8vo. pp. 12.

Alfred Kelley, His Life and Work. By the Hon James L. Bates, of the Ohio Bar. Privately Printed. Columbus, Ohio: Press of Robert Clark & Co., Cincinnati. 1888. 8vo. pp. 120.

Peabody Education Fund. Proceedings of the Trustees at their Twenty-Seventh Meeting, New York, 3 October, 1888, with the Annual Report of the Acting General Agent, Dr. Samuel A. Green. Cambridge: University Press John Wilson & Son. 1888. 8vo. pp. 95.

The Sixty-Ninth Annual Catalogue of the Officers and Students of Colby University for the Academic Year 1888-89. Waterville, Me.: Printed for the University. December, 1888. 8vo. pp. 47.

Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society at the semi-annual meeting held in Boston, April 25, 1888. Vol. V. New Series. Part 2. Worcester, Mass., U. S. A.: Press of Charles Hamilton, 311 Main Street. 1888. 8vo. pp. 149-347.

Horace Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury, Vt. Barnet, Vt., March 21, 1820. New York, March 17, 1888. Sq. 8vo.

Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Vol. II. Sixth Series. Boston: Published by the Society. 1888. 8vo. pp. 377.

Catalogue of the Exhibit and Antiquities at the Virginia Exposition, Oct. 3-Nov. 21, 1888. Richmond, Va.: William Ellis Jones, Book and Job Printer. 1888. 8vo. pp. 86.

Proceedings of the New Hampshire Historical Society. Vol. I. 1872-1888. Concord: Printed for the Society. 8vo. pp. 477.

The Legislative History of the Ordinance of 1787. By John M. Merriam, A.M. Presented at the Semi-Annual Meeting of the American Antiquarian Society, April 25, 1888. Worcester, Mass., U. S. A.: Press of Charles Hamilton, 311 Main Street. 1888. 8vo. pp. 42.

Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society in the matter of the Winthrop Sword, at the Semi-Annual Meeting in Boston, April 25, 1888. Worcester, Mass., U. S. A.: Press of Charles Hamilton, 311 Main Street. 1888. 8vo. pp. 13.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**A CURIOUS ENGRAVED VIRGINIAN MEDAL.**—There is now in the possession of Mr. S. G. Cockburn Harvey, Huntington Valley P. O., Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, a very curious medal of fine gold, so faithfully engraved that impressions printed from it, which furnish the accompanying descriptions, have the soft effect of fine copper engravings of the last century.

The medal was preserved from destruction by the former husband of Mrs. Harvey, Hon. Edward A. Turpin, a native of Virginia, but a citizen of New York, when in 1858 appointed Minister to Venezuela, where he remained until 1861.

In Caraccas, he found in the shop of a jeweller, the medal under consideration, and purchased it at its metal value, \$23. How it got to South America, or how or by whom it had been preserved intact and uninjured so long, he failed to ascertain.

The medal is oblong in shape, measuring two and one eighth (2 1-8) of an inch the one way, by one and five eighths (1 5-8) of an inch the other. Its bearings are as follows:

**OBVERSE.**—On a field azure, within an irregular but gracefully ornate escutcheon of scroll and floral borders—a female figure, erect and circumambient, with head helmeted, bust bare, and remainder of figure in outline drapery, save the fore legs and feet, which are bare. The left leg extended forward, knee flexed inwardly, and foot extended with toes turned outwardly—the right leg illuvisly supporting the figure, with foot turned outwardly—left arm flexed upwardly, with hand grasping a double-headed spear, held perpendicularly—the right arm bent downward, with fore-arm turned outward holding by a loop a shield resting on a line with the outwardly turned right foot casting a shadow as if for support of the figure—the shield bearing a grim head with serpentine locks, possibly denoting that of a tyrant. The whole surrounded with the legend in Roman letters: “CITY OF WILLIAMSBURGH X VIRTUTE ET LABORE FLORENT RESPUBLICÆ X”

**REVERSE.**—A male figure in armor with visor, head almost in profile, body half turned to the front, right arm close to side with fore-arm turned to the left grasping a double barbed spear—the right arm raised and bent at a right angle, the hand grasping the spear handle at the junction of the barb—the other end of the spear thrust into the breast on the left side (the heart) of a lion with head bearing a crown (Britain), uprearing, with jambs extended, and paws drooping, the mouth open, lower jaw dropped, the eyes and facial muscles expressing entreaty—the tail turned down and inward between the hind legs. The left leg of the knight, or mailed figure, chiefly supporting him, thrown backward, foot to the front and with muscles tense—the right leg flexed to the right with foot so pointing and thrust beneath a shield lying prone. Motto beneath in Roman letters: “EN DAT VIRGINIA PRIMUM.” Above the figures, the firmament with a white circle enclosing thirteen (13) stars (significantly) and above, the motto, in Roman letters: “IN HOC SIGNO VINCES.”

I am without information as to the origin of this medal, but may conjecture that it was designed by John Page, who was one of the committee appointed by the Virginia Convention of 1776 to devise a seal for the Commonwealth. Where executed, and by whom, is a matter of curious interest. The devices and mottoes of the great seal of the State, as offered by George Mason, another member of the committee, and the author of the “Bill of Rights,” were entirely different. They were adopted and have remained unchanged, save that in 1779 the motto of the reverse of the seal was changed from *Deus Nobis haec otia fecit* to *Perseverando*. The whole history of the Great Seal of Virginia has been lucidly and circumstantially given in a report made by Col. Sherwin McKee, and communicated by Gov. William E. Cameron, Feb. 25, 1884, to the Speaker of the House of Delegates of Virginia.—HOUSE DOCUMENT No. xl.

Richmond, Va.

R. A. BROCK.

**THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL MAGAZINE.**—A prospectus for this magazine, announced in our January number, has been received. Henry R. Stiles, A.M., will be the editor, and Joel Munsell's Sons the publishers. It will be devoted to the elucidation and discussion of American History, Biography and Industrial Re-



sources. It will be issued monthly in quarto size, printed on the finest paper, and illustrated in the best style of the art, with wood, photo-process and steel engravings. The subscription price will be \$4 a year or 50 cts. a number. The first number will appear next October. The first fifteen numbers, beginning Oct. 1889, will be furnished for the year's subscription price for 1890, namely \$4. The reputation of Dr. Stiles as an editor and historical writer, and of the Munsells as printers, are evidences that the magazine will take a high rank. Address, The National Magazine, Albany, N. Y.

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JAMES ARTHUR EMMERTON, M.D., of Salem, of whom an obituary will appear in the next number of the REGISTER, died at Salem, Dec. 31, 1888. He bequeathed to the Essex Institute ten thousand dollars, the income to be used to defray the expense of editing and publishing church and town records in the Historical Collections of the Institute, and if necessary for other purposes. It is provided, however, that from the income of this \$10,000, the Institute shall pay to the testator's life long friend, Henry F. Waters, now of London, England, five hundred dollars a year during the term of his life. Dr. Emmerton was a classmate of Mr. Waters at Harvard College, and with him, in 1880, published a volume entitled "Gleanings from English Records about New England Families." See REGISTER, vol. 34, pp. 422-4. The friends of Mr. Waters are gratified that Dr. Emmerton has manifested, in this way, his appreciation of his classmate's merits and services.

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THE BENCH AND BAR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Hon. Charles H. Bell, LL.D., of Exeter, N. H., is engaged in preparing a biographical history of the Bench and Bar of New Hampshire, which will include notices of all the deceased lawyers who have lived and practised in the province and state, from the beginning. For any information, especially respecting the earlier and less conspicuous members of the legal profession, that may be furnished him, Mr. Bell will feel greatly obliged.

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QUARTER MILLENNARY OF THE SETTLEMENT OF TAUNTON, MASS.—It has been decided to commemorate the completion of 250 years since the settlement of Taunton, by appropriate ceremonies in that city on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 4th and 5th of next June. A joint committee of the Taunton City Government and the Old Colony Historical Society has the matter in charge. Hon. Edmund H. Bennett has accepted the invitation to deliver the historical address, and Henry W. Colby has agreed to read a poem. Sub-committees representing not only the City of Taunton, but also the towns which once formed a part of Taunton, namely, Norton, Mansfield, Easton, Raynham, Berkley and Dighton, have been engaged in selecting historic places which should be marked with memorial stones or tablets for the benefit of future generations.

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CENTENARY OF THE INAUGURATION OF WASHINGTON.—The series of centennial celebrations which was begun April 19, 1875, in commemoration of the Battle of Lexington, will be closed on the 30th of April, 1889, by the commemoration in New York City of the one hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of Gen. George Washington as president of the United States. It is fitting that an event so august should be grandly celebrated, and everything possible is being done to make the celebration a brilliant one. The oration will be delivered by Chauncey M. Depew, and a poem is expected from the poet Whittier. The president of the United States and many other distinguished personages will participate in the ceremonies.

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THE GENEALOGICAL QUERIES for 1889, the second of the series, will be issued as usual this spring. This publication is sent free to all interested in genealogical research. Copies are also sent to Public Libraries and Historical Societies. Over one hundred copies are sent to England. The cost of inserting a query is only \$2 for one hundred words or less. The large circulation of the "Queries" is sure to help those who desire information relative to family history, and it is hoped that all interested will avail themselves of this oppor

tunity. This is also an excellent medium for advertising new works of History, Biography and Genealogy, as it falls into the hands of those who are sure to read it through. The valuable index of names that it contains makes it a book of reference, and must always be consulted by both the old and new student in family history. In order to insert a query in this year's issue, they should be sent at once. Send for circular to R. H. Tilley, Newport, R. I., to whom all communications should be addressed.

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**HISTORY OF ANCIENT WINDSOR, CONN.** BY HENRY R. STILES, M.D.—This work was published in 1859 in an 8vo. of 922 pages, and a supplement of 134 pages appeared in 1863. In noticing the work in April, 1860, the REGISTER said, "This work comes as near our ideal of a good town history as any yet published." It is a book that shows marvellous labor and research. Both works have long been out of print and command high prices. The author now proposes, if sufficient encouragement is obtained, to issue a new and thoroughly revised edition. It will contain all the matter of the original work and the supplement, and will be further enriched by the result of the author's researches during the last quarter of a century. The work comprises the history of the present towns of Windsor, East Windsor, South Windsor, Ellington, Bloomfield and Windsor Locks, and contains extensive Genealogies and Genealogical Notes. It will be issued in two volumes, large octavo, with not less than 600 pages to the volume, copiously illustrated not only with the original illustrations, but with new portraits, views, maps, etc., and bound substantially in cloth, uncut edges, gilt top. It will be sold exclusively by subscription, and the edition will be closely limited to the subscriptions received. Price \$10. Address, Henry R. Stiles, M.D., Hill View, Warren Co., N. Y.

Circulars sent on application.

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**DE GRAFFENRIED FAMILY MEMORIAL.**—I have for some years, with the assistance of my mother, Mrs. Mary H. de Graffenried, 1301 Corcoran St., Washington, D. C., and others, been engaged in the preparation for publication of a genealogy of the descendants of Christopher de Graffenried, Baron of Woeb and Baron de Bernberg, who attempted to found a colony of Swiss and Palatines at New Berne, North Carolina, about 1710, with a retrospect of the ancestry of the Baron, our progenitor. I have already gathered important data and highly interesting documents.

It is designed to embrace in the Family Memorial as full and detailed an account of the North Carolina settlement, from its inception at the Court of Queen Anne of England, as may be attainable. Any fact or tradition connected with it, or any definite reference to printed accounts of it, will be gratefully received, as will be also information as to the taking up of land in Pennsylvania for settlement by the scattered New Berne colonists.

Correspondence is solicited with all interested in my design, and especially with the descendants of Ts Charner de Graffenried (who died in Lunenburg Co., Va., in 1794, leaving sons Baker and William among others, and daughters), grandson of Baron Christopher de Graffenried.

1301 Corcoran St., Washington, D. C. (Miss) CLARE DE GRAFFENRIED.

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**VIRGINIAN ANTIQUITIES.**—"An association," says the *Richmond Dispatch* of January 20, 1889, "has been formed recently by a number of the prominent and reverential ladies of Virginia, the object of which is the preservation of various hallowed and historic landmarks and memorials of Colonial Virginia, old buildings, tombstones etc. It is proposed to purchase and repair or restore various buildings of peculiar interest,—among them the old magazine (popularly known as the 'powder-house') at Williamsburg, which was built during the term of Spotswood as Governor,—the recutting of old epitaphs, and other similar offices. There is a pressing need for such an organization, as the buildings are rapidly falling into ruins, and the inscriptions on the tombstones of honored past worthies are fast being obliterated by the effects of the elements and by vandal hands. The accomplished wife of our excellent Governor, Mrs. Lee, is announced as the president of the association, and Mrs. Cynthia B. T. Coleman of Williamsburgh, and Miss Mary J. Galt of Norfolk, are among the active mana-

gers. Miss Galt has recently visited New York city in behalf of the association, and met with much encouragement there. This commendable object must command the active sustenance of numerous of the fair daughters of the Old Dominion.

"All interested in the object of the association and desiring to give it aid or to obtain or give information, are desired to communicate with Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Coleman or Miss Galt as above.

"Miss Galt is a niece of the late eminent sculptor, Alexander Galt. Mrs. Coleman is a daughter of the late Nathaniel Beverley Tucker, of William and Mary College, a granddaughter of St. George Tucker, of the Supreme Court of Appeals, and a grandniece of John Randolph of Roanoke."

INDIAN REMAINS ON MACKWORTH'S ISLAND.—The *Portland Advertiser* of March 14, 1889, contains a letter from James Phinney Baxter, A.M., describing the recent discovery, on Mackworth's Island in Casco Bay, of some interesting Indian relics.

GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think may be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from colleges or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of births, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

*Breck.* By Bvt. Brig. Gen. Samuel Breck, U.S.A., Omaha, Nebraska.—Gen. Breck has nearly ready a genealogy of the Breck family the immigrant ancestors of which early settled at Dorchester, Mass. Persons having information relative to this family are requested to send it to the author early.

*Driver.* By Mrs. arriet Rith (Waters) Cooke, 45 East 57th St., New York city.—The book is devoted to the descendants of Robert Driver of Lynn, 1630. An appendix will contain accounts of twenty-three collateral families. This book was announced in our last, but there was an error in the price then given. It should be three dollars a copy.

*Elwell.*—The late Rev. J. T. Elwell many years ago began tracing the genealogy of the Elwells. His manuscripts, representing years of research, are very valuable. His widow, who is loth to see so much labor lost, will dispose of the collection on liberal terms. Any person or persons willing to agree to publish the same, may address the editor of the REGISTER for terms.

*Homer.* By B. Homer Dixon, Esq., of Toronto, Canada.—This book will give a brief account of the family of Homer or de Homere of Ettingshall, co. Stafford, England, and Boston, Mass.; the ancestors and descendants of Capt. John Homer who came to 1690. It will be printed as soon as enough orders are received to cover the expense. It will be published by Joel Munsell's Sons, Albany, N. Y., in a small 4to. volume, with index. Price \$2.

*Northrup.* By Hon. A. Judd Northrup, Syracuse, N. Y.—Judge Northrup has been for some time engaged in collecting materials for a genealogy of the Northrup family, his investigations covering Northrup, Northrope and other variations of the name. He has records of about five thousand names. Information solicited. Circulars sent on application.

*Pomeroy.* By William W. Rodman, M.D., of New Haven, Ct.—Dr. Rodman is making a study of Pomeroy Genealogy, and solicits correspondence from those interested in any of the branches.

*Sweeting, Langford and Cobb.* By Mr. Charles L. Alden, 4 Gale Place, Troy, N. Y.—A genealogical work on these families is in preparation and will soon be put to press. It will contain notices of the Tyrrells, Whitings and other allied families.

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## BOOK NOTICES.

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*Royal Arms and other Regal Emblems and Memorials in use in the Colonies before the American Revolution. A paper read before the Massachusetts Historical Society at its monthly meeting, January 10, 1889.* By the Rev. EDMUND F. SLAFTER, A.M., Resident Member of the Society. Boston: Privately Printed. 1889. 8vo. pp. 28. With Illustrations.

The history of the fate of the royal insignia so generally in use in the churches, public buildings and halls, and on public documents, tavern signs, shops, newspapers articles of household furniture, and in many other ways, forms very interesting reading at the distance of a century from the time when they were lost, destroyed, carried off or privately preserved during the exciting period of the Revolution. Before that time, they were looked upon with respect and loyalty as emblems of the sovereignty that gave the young colonies protection and counsel. Now the feeling that animates us is of quite a different character. It is a feeling of interest in them as historical relics of a period long since passed away, and as such worthy of careful preservation and record.

The author has minutely described the Royal Arms in St. James's Church, near Charleston, S. C., the only instance, so far as is known, of any regal insignia remaining undisturbed in their original place until nearly the present time. They were destroyed in the great earthquake in August, 1886. Mr. Slafter fortunately secured an oil painting of them, by which means they were restored in their original shape in the church. The illustration in the book, copied from this painting, shows them to have been in fine preservation until their destruction in 1886. They are the Arms of the House of Hanover.

The Royal Hanoverian Arms formerly in the Old Province House at Hartford, Conn., the Arms of William and Mary at the church at Wallingford in the same State, now at St. Andrews, N. B., the Arms of the same sovereigns in Christ Church, Philadelphia, the Hanoverian Arms in the Old Province House in this city now in the keeping of the Massachusetts Historical Society and the same Arms formerly in the old State House, which were carried to Halifax at the time of the evacuation of Boston by the British forces, and which are now in Trinity Church, St. John, N. B., are all described with much careful detail, and are accurately illustrated, except those at Hartford.

Mr. Slafter has shown much patient research in this little pamphlet, not only in his account of the Royal Arms, but in his description of the names and titles of sovereigns bestowed upon streets, towns, counties, states, and the various geographical features throughout the original thirteen colonies. The pamphlet invites the attention of the historical scholar as a work of much interest.

By Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston.

*The Historical Families of Dumfriesshire and the Border Wars.* By C. L. JOHNSTONE. Second edition. Dumfries: Anderson & Sons. Edinburgh and Glasgow: John Menzies & Co. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co. 8vo. pp. 220. 1889. Price 8 shillings.

The situation and character of Dumfriesshire, a populous and fertile district upon the border of England, has naturally given it an important share in Scottish history, and Mr. Johnstone has set forth its part in a very attractive light in his interesting narrative. From the Norman Conquest to the end of the Stuart period, it furnishes a clear and concise account of events, not only upon the Border but within both Scotland and England. Much important historical matter, hitherto very scantily treated or entirely omitted by writers, is contained in this work; and a great deal of valuable information may be obtained from it by genealogists.

*By Henry E. Woods, Esq., of Boston.*

*The Government of the People of the United States.* By FRANCIS NEWTON THORPE, Ph.D., Professor of History and Political Science in the Philadelphia Manual Training School, and Lecturer on Civil Government in the University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia: Eldredge & Brother. 1889. 12mo. pp. 308. Price \$1. For sale by Charles H. Kilborn, 8 Tremont Place, Boston, Mass.

We are inclined to examine a text book in a critical spirit, as it is of especial importance that such a work should be fair, accurate, and in all respects trustworthy. This volume of Prof. Thorpe will be found very useful, as it contains a vast amount of information which every intelligent citizen ought to possess, but which the great majority we fear do not. The early pages give a concise account of the events and methods of government in the mother country and in the colonies of North America which laid the foundations of our great Republic and made it a possibility. All the essentials pertaining to our system of national and local self government are stated clearly, and the chapters and divisions of the book are judiciously arranged. We think more might have been said of that interesting political unit, the New England Town, which comprises a sort of local republic not found elsewhere, the county officials performing the functions of the town officers very largely in other sections of the United States, where the county organization is all important, and this form of local administration is carefully explained by the author. The volume contains the May Flower compact, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and other documents of a kindred nature. There are several good illustrations and a map showing the acquisition of territory by the United States at different times. The print is excellent, and there is a proper index.

*By George Kuhn Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.*

*Suffolk Deeds, Liber IV.* Boston: Rockwell & Churchill, City Printers. 1888. 8vo. pp. viii.+330+178.

The Fourth Volume of Suffolk Deeds, printed in consequence of an order of the Board of Aldermen of Boston, approved by the mayor Dec. 22, 1886, is a most important addition to the series. Those only who have examined the original records can appreciate the necessity of this publication, which was petitioned for by prominent members of the Bar. The original was copied verbatim by Frank E. Bradish, Esq., and the proof was compared, not with the copy, but with the ancient record itself by William Blake Trask, A.M., the veteran antiquary. Volume IV. includes the years 1661-65, and on the fly leaves entries were made as late as 1676 by John Davenport, who unsuccessfully claimed to be recorder, although for nearly three months he was not in possession of Vol. IX., in which the record should have been kept. The value of this book to historical students and genealogists as well as to conveyancers cannot be overestimated. The four printed volumes of Suffolk Deeds are worthy of an era in which the priceless records of the past are better appreciated than they have ever been before, and which has seen the York Deeds and the Maine Wills printed, and which we trust will see the publication of the early records contained in many registries of Deeds and of Probate. The index prepared under the supervision of John T. Hassam, Esq., who has been instrumental in securing the preservation and rendering available these and other public records, is in five divisions, and is as complete and perfect as could be desired.

*By George Kuhn Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.*

*Birthday of the State of Connecticut. Celebration of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Adoption of the First Constitution of the State of Connecticut. by the Connecticut Historical Society and the Towns of Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfield, Thursday, January 24th, A.D. 1889.* Hartford, Conn.: Published by the Connecticut Historical Society. 1889. 8vo. pp. 98.

On the 14th of January, 1638, old style, corresponding to the 24th of January, 1639, new style, the inhabitants and residents of Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfield, on the Connecticut river, met at Hartford, entered into a "combination or confederation," and adopted a form of government. A motion was made in the Connecticut Historical Society, on the 3d of January, 1888, to have the quarter millenary of this important event properly commemorated. The people of the above named towns were invited by the Society to coöperate with them, which they did; and on the 24th of January last, the two hundred and fiftieth birthday of Connecticut was celebrated. Meetings were held in the afternoon in the First Church and in the evening at the Academy of Music.

The volume before us contains the proceedings on this interesting occasion. Hon. Henry Barnard, LL.D., presided, and an historical address was delivered by the Rev. Joseph H. Twitchell, in which he surveys the causes which led the three influential towns of Newtown, Dorchester and Watertown, or a majority of their inhabitants, to leave their possessions in Massachusetts and remove themselves out of the jurisdiction of that colony to the banks of the Connecticut in an interior wilderness. A principal cause, Mr. Twitchell thinks, was a dissatisfaction with the aristocratic tendencies of the Massachusetts government, and a desire to live under a more democratic form. Of the event this day commemorated the orator says:

"That assemblage was the first of its kind ever held—a convention met to provide a permanent general government for a people, in which the people all took part. The eleven 'Orders' or Articles in which that unique popular convention embodied the law of the new State, was 'the first written Constitution in the history of nations.' The government under that law which it ordained was the first government of *law alone*, alike for magistrate and for private citizen, that was ever framed. In the institution of this government there was recognized no outside human authority whatsoever as the source and basis of its powers. It was to be 'established according to God,' but no King, nor charter, nor Parliament, nor previously existing government had mention in the instrument upon which it was organized. The Connecticut Constitution of 1639 was the first, the original, practical assertion on earth of the democratic idea of government, of the principle that "governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed." In none other of the American colonies had this principle, at that time, any place. There was, to be sure, popular suffrage at Plymouth, but distinctly on a religious rather than a political construction of its purport. The Mayflower cabin compact, sometimes denominated the dawning point of American democracy, had formally acknowledged the King as the source of all authority. The government of the mother colony of Massachusetts was a government by royal charter, and at the same time was exercised by a magistracy in limited association with a privileged class of freemen. It was the same in the New Haven colony, which was then and for twenty-six years thereafter a separate jurisdiction. It does not in any respect exceed the strict truth to affirm, as does our latest historian, Professor Johnston of Princeton College, that 'the government of the people, by the people, for the people, first took shape in Connecticut,' and that 'the American form of commonwealth originated here and not in Massachusetts, Virginia or any other colony,'—that 'the birth-place of American democracy is Hartford.'"

The other exercises were also of a high order. Among the gentlemen who took part were Hon. J. Hammond Trumbull, LL.D., president of the Connecticut Historical Society; Hon. Morgan G. Bulkeley, governor of Connecticut; Hon. Henry C. Robinson; John Hooker, Esq.; Hon. John H. Perry; Hon. Alfred E. Burr; Prof. Albert B. Hart; Mayor John G. Root and Senator J. R. Hawley.

*Parish Notes.* By EDWIN P. BARROW, M.A., Rector of Choulderton, Wilts. Salisbury: Brown & Co., Canal. 1889. Fcp. 8vo. pp. 49. Price one shilling.

Choulderton in Wiltshire, England, was the birth place of the Rev. James Noyes, of Newbury, Mass., whose father was rector of the parish at the time.



The pamphlet before us contains much historical matter concerning the parish and the church. A list of the incumbents from 1297 to the present time, a descriptive list of the parish registers and other documents, and the monuments and inscriptions will particularly commend the pamphlet to genealogists.

*An Address delivered before the Essex Bar on the opening of the New Court House at Salem, February 2, 1889.* By HON. EBEN F. STONE. Salem, Mass.: Printed at the Salem Press. 1889. 8vo. pp. 50.

This is a very able address. Col. Stone devotes the chief portion of it to sketches of the lives and analyses of the characters of Rufus Choate, Caleb Cushing and Robert Rantoul, Jr., "three extraordinary men who were not only natives of the county and contemporaries, but members of this Bar at the same time." Essex county "has produced," says Col. Stone, "its full share of distinguished men; but never in its history has it proved more clearly the vigor and high character of its stock than when it gave birth, about the beginning of this century, to Choate, Cushing, Garrison, Hawthorne and Rantoul, and, to mention one still living, Whittier—men of very uncommon and superior gifts, when measured by the highest standard of excellence."

The author graphically sketches the lives of the three distinguished Essex lawyers, Choate, Cushing and Rantoul, and throws new light on some phases in their characters.

1788. *August 9th.* 1888. *Judson Centennial Services. A Compilation of the Addresses, Papers and Remarks given at these Services; together with Extracts from Letters received by the Committee, etc.* By REV. J. NELSON LEWIS, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Malden, Mass. Mystic Side Press: A. G. Brown, Steam Printer. 1889. 8vo. pp. 75.

The centenary of the birth of the Rev. Adoniram Judson, the celebrated Baptist Missionary to Burmah, who died April 12, 1850, was celebrated at Malden, Mass., his birthplace, on the 9th of August last. An account of the celebration with the addresses, papers and other literary exercises, which were of a high order, are printed in this pamphlet.

*The American Genealogical Queries for 1889.* Newport, R. I.: R. H. Tilley. 1889. 8vo. pp. 23.

The second annual number of Mr. Tilley's Genealogical Queries is before us. It is a very useful medium of intercommunication for genealogical students. The plan of the work is very fully stated in our April number. The charges for inserting queries are for five lines or less \$1, from 6 to 10 lines \$2, and from 11 to 15 lines \$3. "If a sufficient number of Queries are received by September to warrant the extra expense of printing, a list of the Historical Societies in the United States will be published in the next issue," which will be ready early in January next.

*Annual Reports of the Dedham Historical Society, 1889. With By-Laws and List of Members.* Dedham, Mass.: Printed at the office of the Standard. 1889. pp. 15.

The annual address of the president, Don Gleason Hill, Esq., which is printed with this report, shows that the Dedham Historical Society has made good progress during the last year. A view of the Society's building, which embellishes the pamphlet, shows they have commodious and elegant quarters.

*Report on the Custody and Condition of the Public Records of Parishes, Towns and Counties.* By CARROLL D. WRIGHT, Commissioner. Boston: State Printers. 1889. 8vo. pp. 379.

The Massachusetts State Government has well entered upon a most important duty in this comprehensive report. The introductory letter of Mr. Commissioner Wright will acquaint the public with the condition of these records, heretofore known only to a few officials, historical students and antiquarians. This is followed by a reprint of the able report of Mr. Hassam, made to the New England Historic Genealogical Society, last January, and the inquiry of Mr. Brown, the Corresponding Secretary of the same Society, to the clerks of the different towns and cities in this Commonwealth. The body of the report is preceded by a chronological digest, with date of enactment and citation of the volume and page where printed, of the laws relating to records of courts, of

towns and cities, of births, deaths and marriages, and of proprietors' records. The information obtained is presented in a series of tables, entitled: Proprietors' Records, Church Records, Town (and City) Records, Court Records and County Records. These tables are preceded in each case by explanatory paragraphs, largely historical, and the tables are supplied on every page with copious references to facts, events and statements relating to the same; the whole forming a vast compend of historical matter, no where else accessible in so condensed a form. This is of great value, aside from the subject matter of the volume.

The investigation, of which we have here the fruits, was commenced under the administration of Gov. Robinson, and very much of the collection made simultaneously with the census enumeration of 1885. So much was gathered, and of so valuable a character, that the Legislature of 1888 authorized an especial compilation and tabulation thereof. Despite the good results obtained, it is quite apparent that the work must be continued, closer research must be conducted, and a more satisfactory and specific characterization of the records made than can be embraced under "good and fair"; which are the two general specifications of the conditions. These we understand to be the replies made by the clerks and officers in charge to the inquiries and circulars of the Commission. Some definition or determination of these terms is sadly wanted. We apprehend that an expert examiner would qualify many of the reports thus made. The character of the paper and the ink; the security of the safes, or other deposit; to what extent indices are complete, and whether or not original papers referred to in the record are carefully, or otherwise, preserved, are severally important points to which heedful scrutiny and rigid attention should be given. Justice to past generations whose deeds are recorded, to the present whose deeds are being placed on record, and to the future for whose benefit and instruction the record is made, requires that the most supreme regard should be exercised in their preservation. To ascertain the present status, and to provide for the future, is the duty of an intelligent and intellectual community, like the people of Massachusetts. Much praise is due the Commission that they have accomplished so much in the initial effort, which warrants the confidence that they possess sufficient qualification and fitness for further prosecution.

*By George A. Gordon, A.M., of Somerville, Mass.*

*Publications of the American Statistical Association.* Boston: W. J. Schofield, Printer. 8vo. New Series No. IV., Dec., 1888, pp. 127 to 181. Price \$1.25. No. V., March, 1889, pp. 183 to 240. Price 50 cts.

The American Statistical Association was organized in December, 1889, and is now in the fiftieth year of its existence. Last year the Association commenced a new series of its Publications, the first number of which was noticed by us in July last. The various papers read before the Society and other statistical information are printed in this periodical. No. IV. contains—1, Life Insurance in the United States, by Walter C. Wright; 2, Review of Reports of Bureaus of Labor Statistics for 1887, by Prof. Richmond M. Smith; 3, Index to Reports of Bureaus of Labor Statistics, 1887; 4 to 8, Miscellany. No. V. contains—1, Notes on the Statistical Determination of the Causes of Poverty, by Amos G. Warner, Ph.D., with Remarks by Rev. Samuel W. Dike, LL.D.; 2, Statistics of Divorce in the United States and Europe, by Rev. Samuel W. Dike, LL.D.; 3 to 10, Miscellany. Those who are interested in statistical literature will find much valuable and interesting matter in the pages of this serial. The papers printed are by gentlemen who have made a special study of the several subjects treated of.

*Southern Historical Society Papers*, Vol. XVI. Edited by R. A. Brock, Secretary of the Southern Historical Society. Richmond, Va.: Published by the Society. 1888. 8vo.

The Southern Historical Society is fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Brock as secretary and editor of its publications. His qualifications for these positions are well known to American antiquaries. To a wide knowledge of American history and particularly that of the southern states, he adds zeal and indomitable industry. The volume before us is an evidence of this.

Among the papers in this book may be named "Heroes of the Old Camden District, S. C., 1776-1861," by Col. Edward McCrady, Jr.; "Stonewall Jackson's Scabbard Speech," by William A. Obenchain, A.M.; "The Battle of Belmont,"

by Gen. Marcus J. Wright; "The Signal Corps in the Confederate States Army," by Edmund H. Cummins; "The Wee Nee Volunteers of Williamsburg District, S. C.," by Major John G. Prenley; "The Lost Cause," by Judge J. A. P. Campbell; "Southern Genius, how War developed it," by Gen. M. C. Butler; "Battle of Shiloh," by Gen. Thomas Jordan; "They Wore the Gray—the Southern Cause Vindicated," by Hon. Peter Turney; "The Blue and the Gray United," "The Trial of John Brown," by Gen. Wright; "The Battle of Chickamauga," "The Old South," by Lieut. Gen. D. H. Hill; and "The Seal of the Southern Historical Society and the Great Seal of the Confederate States of America," by Mr. Brock the Secretary.

The last article contains engravings of both seals, the design of the former being adopted from that of the latter. In it will be found an account, by Hon. Thomas J. Simmes, of the adoption of the Confederate Seal.

The sixteen volumes of the publications of the Southern Historical Society which have been issued, preserve a mass of valuable historical material, and the present volume is one of the best.

*Collections of the Virginia Historical Society, New Series, Vol. VIII. Abstract of the Proceedings of the Virginia Company of London, 1619-1624. Prepared from the Records in the Library of Congress. By CONWAY ROBINSON. And Edited with an Introduction and Notes by R. A. BROCK, Corresponding Secretary and Librarian of the Society. Vol. II. Richmond, Virginia: Published by the Society. 1889. 8vo. pp. 300.*

This is the second and concluding volume of the Records of the Virginia Company. It was for many years a source of regret to historical students that these records, of which no copy existed except that in the Library of Congress, had not been printed, and thus placed beyond the reach of accident. In writing of them over thirty-one years ago in the *Historical Magazine* for February, 1858, the late John Wingate Thornton, A.M., said: "The records of the Commercial Companies in England for the colonization of America constitute the Genesis and Exodus of our English-American history; and the publication of these original documents would be a splendid and invaluable service to American History, worthy of our National Government." The subject of the printing these records at the national expense was pressed upon the attention of Congress on various occasions, but without avail; and it was left to the enterprise of the Virginia Historical Society to do what Congress so long neglected to do. Those who know the worth of such material should see that the Society does not suffer loss by its enterprise.

The two volumes of the Collections of the Virginia Historical Society which preserve these records contain an abstract of the proceedings of the Virginia Company from April 28, 1619, to June 7, 1624, more than five years. They are carefully edited and annotated by Mr. Brock, whose thorough knowledge of American and particularly Virginia history, so well known, is shown in these volumes. He has prefixed an exhaustive Introduction and added a full index. The two volumes will be supplied by the Society at the rate of \$5 a volume or \$10 for the set.

*The Families of Wyoming Valley, Biographical, Genealogical and Historical Sketches of the Bench and Bar of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. By GEO. B. KULP, Historiographer of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society. In Three Volumes. Vol. II. Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. 1889. Royal 8vo. pp. 505 to 1038+7. Price \$7.50 per volume, by mail \$7.79. Address George B. Kulp, 18 North Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.*

The design of this work is to furnish biographies and as far as possible the genealogical records of the families from whom the past and present members of the bar of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, are descended. Biographies of non-resident members of the bar of that county as well as resident are included in the plan of the work. "A complete biography," says the author in his Preface, "of the members of a bar as numerous and admittedly conspicuous for their professional talent as that of Luzerne County, if made to include a genealogy of the families represented—and no biography is complete without that (See Matthew i. and Luke iii.)—is necessarily in great part a history of the county itself."

The first volume of this work was published in 1885, and was noticed by us in January, 1886. To this notice we would refer for fuller details as to the history,

plan and execution of the work. It was then thought that the work could be got into two volumes, but the material proved so abundant and valuable, and the reception accorded to the first volume was so cordial and flattering, that the compiler decided to add a third volume which is now in preparation. The volume before us is evidently the result of great and conscientious labor.

*Colonial and Revolutionary History of the Lockwood Family in America, from A.D. 1630.* Compiled by FREDERIC A. HOLDEN and E. DUNBAR LOCKWOOD, Philadelphia. Privately printed for the family. 1889. 1 Vol. 8vo. pp. 884, with numerous insets and illustrations, consisting of portraits, autographs, facsimiles of old documents, &c.

This is a volume of great merit, most worthily printed and bound. The paper is of the best, the type legible, and the ink unfading; three very desirable points of excellence. Its contents embrace the genealogy of one of our oldest families, descendants of Robert Lockwood, of Watertown, 1630. There are added a copious appendix, various useful and comprehensive indices, lists of officers in the military service during the colonial, revolutionary and national periods, and other important lines of biographical and historical importance. It outlines and puts upon record the careers of many notable men of this family, illustrative of an extended influence in the growth and development of the continent. In the church, at the bar, in the legislature, in the army and navy, as explorers, surveyors and pioneers, as well as in the quieter walks of useful citizenship, its members have occupied honorable and distinguished stations for two hundred and fifty years.

The family is most ancient, and is one of the numerous class deriving their name from Lóki, the Scandinavian deity, recognized in their mythology as presiding over one department of nature, as witness Locke, Locock, Lockett, Loket, Lockard, Lockerby, Lockhart, Lockman, Lockwood, Lockyer, Blacklock, Whitlock and others. Lóki was one of the trinity, Odin, Hönir and Lóki, and was, originally, conceived as the divinity of life—giving warmth, particularly of the household fire, an office of great importance in hyperborean regions. As fire is not, however, always the obedient servant of mortals, its destructive capacity, caprice and characteristics became so apparent to the common people that the conception under the unfavorable aspect regarded Lóki as the spirit of mischief, corruption and wickedness. As thus, the embodiment of the evil principle, he became the prototype of the modern devil.

The Editors of this sumptuous volume have been most diligent in collection, in compilation from works already published, from public and private records, and from the files and papers of public offices. The result is, in every way, satisfactory, and constitutes an inestimable treasure for the comfort and enjoyment of this family, represented, to-day, in every state and territory. The statistics here gathered would, to a large extent, soon have perished in the oblivion which attends the best remembrance, and their preservation is unusually gratifying; so seldom is so much toil and cost expended on what is, at the best, a labor of love.

By George A. Gordon, A.M., of Somerville.

*Labels on Washington with a Critical Examination thereof.* By GEORGE H. MOORE, LL.D., Superintendent of the Lenox Library. New York: Printed for the Author. 1889. 8vo. pp. 22.

"There is a curious propensity in human nature," say Dr. Moore in the pamphlet before us, "to recognize with readiness, if not seek with eager interest, for any possible blot on the fair escutcheon of a virtuous and honorable life and character; to spy out defects, if not to magnify them; and thus reduce the loftier heads more nearly to the average line of elevation." The author finds examples of this propensity in two charges against Washington of violence of temper and gross profanity under its influence on two occasions, the first on the battle field of Monmouth, June, 1778, and the second in his house in Philadelphia, in December, 1791. Dr. Moore proves clearly the falsehood of these stories, which have often been repeated and are well known. We hope they will no longer disgrace our historical literature.

*Constitution and By-Laws of the Harford Historical Society, with a Sketch of its History.* Baltimore: Guggenheimer, Weil & Co. 1889. 8vo. pp. 37.

This Society, whose object is to preserve materials illustrating the history of

Harford county, Maryland, was organized at Bel Air, the county seat, in the autumn of 1885, and was incorporated in 1886. It was formed in response to a resolution adopted by the Maryland Historical Society, April 13, 1885, recommending that auxiliary historical societies be organized in the several counties of Maryland. One of the most active persons in forming this society was John Silver Hughes, Esq., a native of Harford county, then residing at Baltimore, but now of Minneapolis, Minn. This was the first county historical society in the state. But two months later, in December, 1885, the Ann Arundel Historical Society was formed. County and town historical societies have proved very useful. Appealing to local pride they gather up material that state societies cannot reach. This society shows vitality and has a bright prospect before it.

The present pamphlet, which is handsomely printed, contains lists of the officers, members and contributors of the society, a sketch of its history, the constitution and by-laws, the titles and dates of papers read before it, and a plan for genealogical records with a specimen of the "Register Plan." A quaint poem on "The Antiquary," written in 1668 by my friend the late John H. Shepard, A.M., is printed as a motto.

*Journal kept by Sergeant David Holden of Groton, Mass., during the latter part of the French and Indian War. February 20 to November 29, 1760. With Notes and an Introduction.* By SAMUEL A. GREEN, M.D. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1889. 8vo. pp. 30.

*Some Indian Names.* 8vo. pp. 3. 1889.

*Note-Book Kept by Capt. Robert Keayne, an Early Settler of Boston.* By SAMUEL ABBOTT GREEN, M.D. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son. 1889. 8vo. pp. 7.

We give above the titles of three recent communications by the Hon. Samuel A. Green to the Massachusetts Historical Society. They are valuable papers and are all reprinted from the Proceedings of that Society.

The Journal of Sergeant Holden is a daily record of what he saw in the Expedition for the Total Reduction of Canada. To it Dr. Green has prefixed a biographical and historical preface.

The next pamphlet treats of three Indian names found in a deed of land in the vicinity of Groton by Rev. John Wilson, Dec. 3, 1660. The names are "Pennichuck Brook," "South eggenocke River," and "Quo-gunna-pussackessa-nay-noy." The first two names Dr. Green identifies with modern names, but he is not aware that any trace of the last still survives in the geographical nomenclature of the neighborhood.

The paper on Capt. Keayne's Note Book is a description of an interesting manuscript by Keayne in the possession of the Massachusetts Historical Society, with remarks and extracts from it. The first entry in the book is November 23, 1639, and the last May 22, 1642. It contains besides abstracts of sermons a "report of two curious cases of ecclesiastical discipline,—one against Sergeant Richard Wait, and the other against Mrs. Ann Hibbens." Sergeant Wait made confession and was restored to church fellowship, and the unfortunate Mrs. Hibbens, who fifteen years later was hung as a witch, was excommunicated.

*A Culler Memorial and Genealogical History.* Compiled by NAHUM S. CUTLER, Greenfield, Mass. Press of E. A. Hall & Co., Greenfield, Mass. 1889. 8vo. pp. 665. Price \$5.00.

*Ancestry of the Children of James William White, M.D.* Compiled by WILLIAM FRANCIS CREGAR, author of "Ancestry of William Shipley Haines," etc. Philadelphia. 1888. Super Royal 8vo. pp. viii.+194.

*Leonard Weeks of Greenland, N. H., and Descendants. 1639-1888.* By Rev. JACOB CHAPMAN, Exeter, N. H. Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons. 1889. 8vo. pp. xviii.+184. Price \$4.00.

*A Genealogical History of the Descendants of the Rev. Nehemiah Smith of New London County, Conn., with Mention of his Brother John and Nephew Edward. 1638-1888.* By H. ALLEN SMITH, Brooklyn, N. Y. Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons, Publishers. 1889. 8vo. pp. 317.

*History of the Dudley Family, with Genealogical Tables, Pedigrees, etc.* By DEAN DUDLEY. Wakefield, Mass.: Dean Dudley, Publisher. 1889. 8vo. 100 pages (197 to 297) in this number. Price \$1 for the number.

*A Genealogical Record, with Short Biographical Sketches of Some of the Descendants of Capt. Josiah Chapin and Including the History of some of the Allied Families, 1635-1889.* Fort Wayne, Ind.: R. C. F. Rayhouse, Printer. 1889. 12mo. pp. 59.

*John Hill of Dover in 1649 and Some of his Descendants.* Compiled by W. B. LAPHAM. Augusta: Maine Farmer Job Print. 1888. 8vo. pp. 16.

*An Account of the Cavendish, Candish or Candage Family.* By R. G. F. CANDAGE of Brookline, Mass. Bangor, Me.: R. A. Burr, Printer. 1889. 8vo. pp. 9.

*Genealogical Record of the Compiler's Branch of the Gerrish Family.* By JOHN J. GERRISH. Portland: Tucker Printing House. 1880. 18mo. pp. 13.

We continue in this number our quarterly notices of recent genealogical publications.

This bulky volume devoted to the genealogy of the Cutlers bears evidence of extensive and thorough research. It contains "the names of a large proportion of the Cutlers in the United States and Canada, and a record of many individual members of the family, with an account also of other families allied to the Cutlers by marriage." Previous to the appearance of this book the only accounts of the family were the thin volume by the late Rev. Abner Morse, issued soon after his death, and the slight genealogical matter in the memoir of Dr. Robert Cutler (H. C. 1741), written in 1811. The origin of this work the author gives in his preface: "In the year 1882, I became especially interested in the investigation of my own ancestral line. In the prosecution of my researches I soon discovered that the branches of our family tree were so numerous and involved that I resolved to attempt a systematic genealogy of the Cutlers of the United States and Canada. This expansion of my original design has claimed much thought and time, many journeys to various places were necessary, correspondence with a large number of persons was required and no little expense was incurred." His desire to make a complete history of the family led him to seek every available source of information, and the result is the valuable book before us. The arrangement is on the plan used in the REGISTER. The biography as well as the genealogy of the Cutlers is very full and precise. The book is handsomely printed on fine white paper, is embellished with fifty-seven illustrations, many of them fine portraits on steel. It has good indexes. A "Study on the Origin of the Cutler Name," with the result of English researches concerning the Cutlers is appended.

The next book is devoted to the families from which the children of James W. White, M.D., of Philadelphia, born 1826, are descended. We have here sketches of the White, Newby, Rose, Cranmer, Stout, Smith, Stockton, Leeds, Fisher, Gardiner, Mathews, Elton, Revell, Stacye, Tonkin, McLorinan, Dowse, Jewett, Hunt, Reddinge, Isbell and Griswold families. The compiler, Mr. Cregar of Annapolis, Maryland, is an authority on the genealogy of his section of our country. The present work was commenced nearly seven years ago. The original plan was to prepare a manuscript account of the White, Stockton, Gardiner, Elton, McClaren and Dowse families. But so much material was collected concerning other lines that the family desired Mr. Cregar to enlarge the scope of the work and continue his investigations. He has been indefatigable in his researches. The result was so satisfactory that it has been preserved in print in the elegant volume before us. The plan of the compiler is to devote a chapter to each of the twenty-two families. He has succeeded in obtaining full and reliable accounts of the several families in the lines to which he confines himself. The authorities for the facts given are cited very fully, which adds much to the value of the work. The book is handsomely printed, with clear type, on fine white paper with a wide margin, and is illustrated with a facsimile of a Map of Burlington, drawn in 1696 by Daniel Leeds, and a genealogical table of the ancestors of Dr. White's children besides a number of coats of arms. The work does much credit to Mr. Cregar. It is well indexed.

The volume on the Descendants of Leonard Weeks, is, like all of the Rev. Mr. Chapman's books, the result of thorough and extensive research. He presents here full and reliable records of Leonard Weeks, the immigrant, of his family and of his other descendants. The researches of the Rev. Mr. Poynton of Kelston, England, printed in this book, show that Leonard Weeks was the son of John and Anna Wyke of Moreton, England, where he was baptized Aug. 7, 1639. He was a descendant in the fifth generation from Henry Wyke of Stanton

Wyke, Somersetshire, according to the pedigree furnished by Rev. Mr. Poynton. The book contains also the early records of families connected with the Weekses, among which are those of Bailey, Bartlett, Brackett, Burley, Chapman, Chesley, Clark, Eastman, Folsom, Fowler, French, Frost, Haines, Hilton, Home, Lane, March, Mead, Moody, Moore, Philbrook, Pickering, Perkins, Rollins, Sanborn, Scammon, Thompson, Wiggin and Wingate. The book is arranged on the Register Plan and is thoroughly indexed. Ruled writing paper for family records is bound at the end.

The next book is devoted to the descendants of the Rev. Nehemiah Smith, who came to this country about 1638, settled first in the Plymouth Colony and thence removed to New London County, Connecticut. A brother John and a nephew Edward also came to New England. The records of ten generations of this family have been collected by H. Allen Smith, Esq., of Brooklyn, N. Y. He has clearly arranged them, and they are printed in this volume. The author has succeeded in obtaining full details with precise dates. The accounts of the settlers themselves and their children are particularly full and valuable. The book is handsomely printed and bound, and is illustrated with twenty-five photogravure portraits and views. It is well indexed.

Another number of Mr. Dudley's valuable History of the Dudley Family, making four in all, has appeared. It contains one hundred pages intended to be placed between the second and third numbers. It gives biographical sketches of prominent persons of the name in England and America. The early generations of the descendants of Gov. Thomas Dudley are also given in this number. Some wills, inventories and other documents are found here. The number is illustrated with portraits, views and autographs. The work is commended to the patronage of the Dudleys and their descendants.

The Chapin book is by the Hon. Augustus A. Chapin of Fort Wayne, Ind., and is well prepared. The family is descended from Dea. Samuel Chapin, who came to New England about 1636 and settled at Roxbury, whence he removed to Springfield. His descendants through his son Capt. Josiah are here given. The allied families are Taft, Kelley, Clark, Emerson and Kellogg. Blanks for family records are appended.

The Hill genealogy is by Dr. Lapham of Augusta, Maine, whose reputation is a sufficient guarantee that the work is well done. The pamphlet is printed at the expense of Mr. John F. Hill of Augusta, and is preliminary to an extended record that Mr. Hill hopes to have printed. Those interested are requested to send to Mr. Hill pledges towards the expense of the proposed book, stating the number of copies they will take at a price not exceeding 75 cts. for each 100 octavo pages, or in that proportion.

Mr. Candage's account of the Cavendish, Candish or Candage family was prepared for the Bangor Historical Magazine and is reprinted from its pages. The principal part of this useful pamphlet is devoted to the descendants of James Candage, who removed from Massachusetts to Blue Hill, Maine, in 1766.

The Gerrish pamphlet gives one line of the descendants of Capt. William Gerrish, who came to New England as early as 1639 and settled at Newbury, whence he removed to Boston and died there June 14, 1677, aged 58.

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PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TO JULY 1, 1889.

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AN Account of the Cavendish, Candish or Candage Family. By R. G. F. Candage, Brookline, Mass. Bangor, Maine: B. A. Burr, Printer. 1889. 8vo. pp. 9.

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State Papers of New Hampshire, Vol. 17th. Vol. 4 of the War Rolls. Isaac W. Hammond, A.M. Manchester: John B. Clark, Printer. 1889. 8vo. pp. 819.

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John Hill of Dover in 1649 and some of his descendants. By Dr. W. B. Lapham. Augusta, Maine: Maine Farmer Job Print. 1889. 8vo. pp. 16.

An Address delivered before the Confederate Survivors Association in Augusta, Georgia, on Memorial Day, April 26, 1889. By Col. Charles C. Jones, LL.D., President of the Association. Augusta, Ga.: Chronicle Publishing Company. 1889. 8vo. pp. 34.

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The Problem of the Northmen. A Letter to Judge Daly, the President of the American Geographical Society on the opinion of Justin Winsor that "though Scandinavians may have reached the Shores of Labrador, the soil of the United States has not one vestige of their Presence." By Eben Norton Horsford. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1889. Large 4to. pp. 23.

Brief Account of the Family of Homer or de Homere of Ettingshall, Co. Stafford, England, and Boston, Mass. Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons, Publishers. 1889. [By B. Homer Dixon.]

Southern Historical Papers, Vol. XVI. Edited by R. A. Brock. Richmond, Va.: Published by the Society. 1888. 8vo. pp. 464.

Collections of the Virginia Historical Society. New Series, Vol. 8. Virginia Company 1619-1624, Vol. 2. Richmond, Va.: Published by the Society. 1889. 8vo. pp. 300. [Edited by R. A. Brock.]

An Address delivered before the Essex Bar on the opening of the New Court House at Salem, Feb. 2, 1889. By Hon. Eben F. Stone. Salem, Mass.: Printed at the Salem Press. 1889. 8vo. pp. 50.

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Book of Berkshire. Papers by its Historical and Scientific Society. Pittsfield, Mass.: Press of the Sun Printing Company. 1889. 8vo. pp. 108.

Some American Conchologists. An Address delivered at the Eighth Anniversary Meeting of the Biological Society of Washington, by William H. Dall, President of the Society. Washington, D. C.: Printed for the Society. 1888. 8vo. pp. 134.

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Commemorative Discourse on the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Reorganization of the Second Church of Exeter, N. H. By Rev. Geo. E. Street, Pastor. December, 23, 1888. Exeter, N. H.: Published by John Templeton. 1889. 8vo. pp. 24.

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## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### HISTORICAL INTELLIGENCE.

REV. JOHN MAVERICK OF DORCHESTER, MASS.—Joseph Foster, Esq., of London, England, whose Alumni Oxonienses or Matriculation Registers of Oxford University 1500-1714 was announced by us last January, has sent the editor of the REGISTER the following extract from that work relating to Rev. John Maverick of Dorchester, who died according to Winthrop (Hist. of New England, I. 181), February 3, 1635-6, aged nearly 60. The following entry makes him born about 1578, and consequently he was about 58 years old when he died. Before he came to New England he was a preacher in some place about forty miles from Exeter.

"John Maverick of Devon cler. fl. Exeter Coll. matric. 24 Oct. 1595 aged 18. B.A. 8 July 1599, M.A. 7 July 1603."

We understand that Mr. Foster is compiling an "Institutiones Clericorum" which will be arranged in alphabetical order. When it is completed he will be able to tell the livings each clergyman held, and will furnish extracts under any surname at a fixed rate.

This will be a desideratum.

REV. NATHANIEL WARD AS A LAWYER.—In 1868, when the present editor of the REGISTER wrote his memoir of Nathaniel Ward, the author of the Massachusetts Body of Liberties and of the Simple Clobber of Aggawam, he was unable to ascertain to which of the several Inns of Court Mr. Ward belonged. Recently he informed his friend J. Paul Rylands, Esq., F.S.A., of Cloughton, Lancashire, of his inability to ascertain the fact. Mr. Rylands had searches made and finds

that Ward's name is on the Admission Book of Lincoln's Inn, 15 May, 1607. The following note from Mr. Marriott, the steward of that Inn, to Mr. Rylands, contains a copy of the entry:

"DEAR SIR—

"Lincoln's Inn Hall, London, W. C.  
4 June, 1889.

Nathaniel Warde.

I have made the search you asked for.

1607 - 5 Jac. May 15

Ad: Nathaniel Warde of Essex Gent.

Yours faithfully,

A. WEATHERBY MARRIOTT,  
Steward.

J. P. Rylands, Esq."

Since the above was in type we have received the date of Warde's admission to Lincoln's Inn, as above, from Joseph Foster, Esq., of London, with the additional fact that Warde was "nominated a barrister 17 October 1615."

We understand that it is proposed to place in the Essex County Court House, Salem, a tablet to the memory of Warde, as the earliest lawyer in Essex County.

GRAY'S INN ADMISSION REGISTER, 1521-1887.—Joseph Foster, Esq., of London, whose "Alumni Oxonienses" was noticed by us in January last, has in press, privately printed for subscribers, the Admission Register of Gray's Inn. It will form the first of a series of Registers of the Inns of Court. "The Registers of the various Inns of Court," Mr. Foster informs us in his prospectus, "are known to be the most highly prized genealogical manuscripts in my collection, and to be almost equal in importance to the Oxford Matriculation Registers, already published, being only second to them in extent, and affording even more precise information as to the parentage of the Students—a point of the very highest importance to American genealogists. I consider that the entrances to Gray's Inn during the 17th century are the most important of all the Inns of Court." The next volume will probably be the Register of the Inner Temple, 1506-1800. The Gray's Inn Admissions will make a large octavo volume, and will contain over twenty thousand admission entries. Subscription price, three guineas. Address, Joseph Foster, 21 Boundary Road, London, N. W., England.

THE PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY OF SONS OF THE REVOLUTION gave its first annual dinner on April 3d at the Bellevue, Philadelphia. It began a year ago with fifteen members, and now numbers ninety-two. Among these are a large number of names of Revolutionary fame, and many equally noted at the present time. The Governor of Pennsylvania and several distinguished officials are members. Those of past days are represented by the names of Wayne, Cadwalader, McKean, Lewis, Biddle, Rawle, Morris, Washington, Hazelhurst, Frazer, Hutchinson, North, Marshall, Craig, etc.

"The Constitution and By-Laws, List of Officers and Members," a little pamphlet of twenty-three pages, is of interest to genealogists. The kinship of descendants from those who assisted in achieving American independence in a civil or military capacity given there offers clues to the family pedigrees. Fresh interest has already been awakened in Philadelphia in Revolutionary biography, and general history for the object of the Society is to renew an interest in Revolutionary studies, especially to perpetuate "the American idea" and promote patriotism. The New York Society, which has been established a few years, has an influential membership among its best citizens. The earnest and active efforts of these organizations should be followed in every State in the Union by the founding of similar Societies.

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BURR'S ALPHABET.—A cryptogramic alphabet with this name was in use as a matter of curiosity and amusement some fifty years ago. It is said to have been

invented by Aaron Burr, and used by him in his treasonable correspondence. It was considered of so much importance that a specimen of it was engraved on a tombstone in a Hartford cemetery, where it stands, expressing the phrase "Holiness to the Lord." The letters are very simple in construction, being made with six straight lines at right angles, thus:

a	b	c	d	e	f		
g	h	i	k	l	m	w	x
n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u
						v	y
						z	

Each division represents a letter, or with a dot (.) a second letter. Thus a = j, b = j, c = j, d = j, and so on. The i and the j were not distinguished, nor were the u and the v, showing the invention not recent.

I would suggest an improvement which will add much to the beauty of the written page. I would discard the oblique lines, which do not look well when written, and use only four straight lines, giving *three* letters to each division, adding to each a dot or a dash, as the case might require.

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r
s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	

Thus a = j, b = j, c = j, d = j, e = j, f = j, &c. The alphabet is easily made and easily remembered, and a page of it written carefully in the latter form makes a fine appearance.

*Guilford, Conn.*

ALVAN TALCOTT.

**GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think may be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from colleges or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of births, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

*Estes.* By Mr. Charles Estes, of Warren, R. I.

*Merchant.* By Mr. George E. Merchant, of Gloucester, Mass.—Mr. Merchant is looking up this family with a view to making as nearly a complete chart as possible, and requests information as to dates of birth, marriage and death of persons of this name. Copies of ancient documents and papers, or abstracts of them, are particularly desired.

*Parker.* By Mr. Theodore Parker, 106 Piedmont St., Worcester, Mass.—Mr. Parker is preparing a history of the Parker family of Lexington, Mass., originally from Reading, Mass., and a genealogy of their descendants. In this family is included Capt. John Parker, who commanded the minute men at Lexington who were fired upon April 19, 1775, by the British troops; and his grandson the Rev. Theodore Parker, of Boston. The compiler would be pleased to receive manuscript documents and other communications from those interested. Descendants should send genealogical data as soon as possible.

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## WASHINGTON AND WILLIAMS.

THE October number of the REGISTER will contain an article by Mr. Waters giving the result of his researches concerning the ancestry of George Washington, which,—since the publication of Col. Chester's paper (See REGISTER, xxi. 25-35) twenty-two years ago, in which he disproved the hitherto accepted pedigree,—has eagerly been sought by American and English genealogists. It is believed that Mr. Waters has settled the question as to the parentage of John and Lawrence Washington who emigrated to Virginia near the middle of the seventeenth century, and that he has connected them with the English family of the name.

The attention of the reader is called to Mr. Waters's Gleanings, in the present number, on the Williams family, where the facts presented leave little doubt that Roger Williams, the founder of Providence, R. I., was a son of James and Alice Williams of London. Mr. Waters's discoveries about John Harvard, a few years ago, attracted great attention, and his subsequent researches on the Rogers family clearing up the difficulties that had surrounded its genealogy, was hailed as another proof of skill as an investigator. His new discoveries concerning the ancestry of George Washington and Roger Williams will add much to his reputation.

Attention is also called to the two new letters by Roger Williams which appear here. They were written in 1629 while he was chaplain to Sir William Masham, bart., of Otes. Written as they were midway between his leaving Cambridge University and his emigration to New England, they throw much light on a portion of his life concerning which our information has been exceedingly meagre, and they indicate where we should look for further facts. The editor of the REGISTER has asked Mr. Lowndes to communicate any facts concerning Williams which he may find among the manuscripts at Barrington Hall. Perhaps these manuscripts may contain information about the New England emigration.

As both John Hampden, the patriot, and Oliver Cromwell were own cousins of Lady Masham, in whose family Roger Williams was chaplain, no doubt the latter, during his residence at Otes, saw much of these historic personages. It has been a question how Williams when he returned to England in 1643 obtained access to the leaders of the Parliamentary cause. But in the case of Cromwell and some of the others he probably became acquainted with them at Otes and Barrington Hall before his emigration to New England.

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## BOOK NOTICES.

THE Editor requests persons sending books for notice to state, for the information of readers, the price of each book, with the amount to be added for postage when sent by mail.

*Yale and her Honor-Roll in the American Revolution, 1775-1783, including Original Letters, Record of Service and Biographical Sketches.* By HENRY P. JOHNSTON. New York: Privately Printed. 1888. 8vo. pp. xi.-357. Price \$4.50. For sale by G. P. Putnam's Sons, 27 & 29 West 23d Street, New York city, and William B. Clarke & Co., 340 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.

Prof. Johnston, the author of this volume, is professor of history in the College of the City of New York. He graduated at Yale in 1862, and has won reputation as an editor and as a contributor to the periodical press. He has been engaged a number of years in preparing the present work. The first part of the book, to use the words of the author, "includes an outline of the operations in each year of the war, showing the situation wherever graduates were present, and in connection with which some original letters written by them from the field and camp are inserted. In the second part will be found the Roll of Honor, or list of all known to have been engaged during the war, with biographical sketches added. Authorities and sources of information are indicated." The book is a valuable addition to the historical and biographical literature of this country. The author shows that the scholastic training which his *alma mater* bestowed upon her sons, bore rich fruit in the conduct of the military as well as the civil affairs of the American Revolution.

"Any one familiar with the personal history of the leaders of the Revolution," says Prof. Johnston, "must have remarked upon the large representation of college bred men among them. This was not only a suggestive fact in the experience of a provincial population, but in part explains the method and reasonableness of the revolutionary movement itself. No similar result in history was grounded less in bitterness and hate, or developed more naturally from discussion and conviction. As the public controversy—the issue in documentary form—turned upon the constitutional relation of the colonies to the mother country, it required a certain amount of general learning and familiarity with colonial history to engage in it intelligently. The question appealed to the educated and professional element, which included not only lawyers, ministers, and orators, but many merchants as well, whose disgust at England's restrictive commercial policy intensified their opposition. The speeches in assemblies and

town-meetings, the sermons and pamphlets on the issues of the day, the petitions and protests which British statesmen admired for their dignity and breadth of views, were in many, probably in most instances, the efforts and products of trained minds. The colleges of the day could count among their alumni such men as Otis, Warren, Hancock, the Adamses, Hawley, Trumbull, Wolcott, Jay, the Livingstons and the Morrisises, Hopkinson, Rush, Jefferson, Harrison, Gerry, Wythe, Lyman Hall, and others whose names are interwoven with the history of that period. Their influence in the earlier and more important Congresses is indicated in the fact that nearly one half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were graduates."

The author of this book has done his work thoroughly and faithfully, and the mechanical execution is in the highest style of the typographer's art.

*The Military Annals of Lancaster, Massachusetts, 1740-1865, including Lists of Soldiers serving in the Colonial and Revolutionary Wars for the Lancasterian towns: Berlin, Bolton, Harvard, Leominster and Sterling.* By HENRY S. NOURSE, A.M. Lancaster. 1889. 8vo. pp. 402.

The author of this book, the Hon. Henry S. Nourse of Lancaster, is the editor of "Early Records of Lancaster," published in 1884, and noticed by us in January of the next year. He has again shown his interest in the preservation of the history of the town in which he resides, by preparing and publishing the very useful volume before us.

"The names and exploits of the local heroes who, with lavish expenditure of labor and life, helped gain and perpetuate the political and religious liberty we inherit," says Mr. Nourse in his preface, "are mostly unknown to our generation. We perfunctorily honor the memory of those who have achieved national fame—those whose names by chance of opportunity or high place are emblazoned upon historic tablets. Equally entitled to our grateful remembrance are the humble patriots who setting the nation's safety and liberation from wrong above the dearest ties, went from rustic homesteads patiently to do and suffer, even to mortal agony, in behalf of country, faith and freedom. Though but yeomen, uncult and obscure, they were imbued with a spirit of chivalry pure as that of any knight of romance. The stern virtues of Puritan ancestry were again shown in them. If their deeds and sacrifices gained little lustre that time has not dimmed or destroyed, it is the fault of the local chroniclers." Mr. Nourse has done his part to preserve the memory of the martial deeds performed by the men of Lancaster in all conditions of life.

The arrangement of the book is chronological under the following heads: 1, War with Spain, 1739-1744; 2, King George's War, 1744-1748; 3, French and Indian War, 1754-1763; 4, The War for National Independence; 5, Shays's Insurrection and Indian War, 1783-1794; 6, Wars with England and Algiers, 1812-1815; 7, The Civil War, 1861-1865. Under each of these heads, the author gives much valuable and interesting matter. In the appendix will be found carefully prepared biographical sketches of John Prescott, the founder of Lancaster, Capt. Samuel Ward, Capt. George Lee Thurston, and Bvt. Brig. Gen. Francis Washburn, the last of whom has a fine portrait.

The author deserves much praise for the patient care with which he has gathered the materials of this book, and for the admirable manner in which he has written it. The volume is handsomely printed and is furnished with copious indexes.

*Ancestry of Thirty-Three Rhode Islanders (born in the Eighteenth Century); also Twenty-Seven Charts of Roger Williams's Descendants to the Fifth Generation; and an Account of Levitt Latham, Falconer to King Charles I., with a Chart of his American Descendants to the Fourth Generation; and a List of 180 Portraits of Rhode Island Governors, Chief Justices, Senators, etc., and of certain Military Officers, Divines, Physicians, Authors, Lawyers, Merchants, etc.* By JOHN OSBORNE AUSTIN. Albany, N. Y. Published by Joel Munsell's Sons. 1889. Large 4to. pp. 187. Price \$5, free of express charge.

Mr. Austin the author of the book before us is an authority on Rhode Island genealogy. Two years ago he published an elaborate Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island, which was noticed by us in April, 1887. The title-page shows the extent and the variety of the contents of the volume. The thirty-three Rhode Islanders, whose ancestry is here traced, are: Zachariah Allen, Daniel

Anthony, Welcome Arnold, Rowse Babcock, Isaac Barker, William Barton, Nicholas Brown, Henry Bull, William Ellery Channing, Thomas Durfee, Benjamin Dyer, James Fenner, Nathaniel Greene, Ray Greene, Elisha Harris, Rowland Hazard, Stephen Hopkins, Richard Jackson, Nehemiah R. Knight, Christopher Lippitt, Daniel Lyman, Stephen Olney, Oliver Hazard Perry, Elisha R. Potter, Stephen Randall, William Sprague, Gilbert Stuart, Wilkins Updike, Samuel Ward, Wager Weeden, John Whipple, Isaac Wilbour and Oziel Wilkin-son. These Worthies of Rhode Island were distinguished in various walks of life. To each of these persons a page is given, on which, in tabular form, his ancestors to the fifth generation as far as practicable are given. Each individual has thirty-two ancestors in the fifth generation, unless the number is lessened by intermarriages; and tables like these show the many families whose blood is inherited by any given descendant. They are useful helps to the study of heredity. Mr. Austin has been very successful in collecting not only the names of the various ancestors, but also dates of birth, marriage and death.

The charts giving the first five generations of the descendants of Roger Williams are very full, and contain the records of female as well as male descen-dants. The readers of Mr. Waters's Gleanings about Roger Williams's ancestry, and the newly published letters of Williams in the last number of the REGISTER, will be interested in Mr. Austin's record of his posterity. This, we believe, is the first attempt to give a full list of the descendants of the founder of Rhode Island.

The other articles in this volume will be found useful. The book is uniform with the author's Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island, and is a fitting companion for it.

*History of Sudbury, Massachusetts, 1638-1889.* By ALFRED SERENO HUDSON. Published by the Town of Sudbury. 1889. 8vo. pp. 660. Price \$4.

This volume has been awaited with much interest by many besides Sudbury people, and the descendants of Sudbury families. Especially have all historical students, and lovers of New England local history, looked for the issuing of the book, with confidence as well as interest, having known the author's ability and devotion to this kind of work. The result justifies expectations. The field was an excellent one, the town being the nineteenth only in number of the Massa-chusetts colony. The author has taken advantage of every point of interest, and supplies reliable documentary references and quotations from careful inves-tigation of the records of the Colony, State, County, Town, Church, &c.

The original boundaries and general description of the territory, with Indian names and trails, and the earliest references to that vicinity in public records and local traditions, afford the proper introduction. This is followed by an account of the Indian tribe found by the settlers, with a description of their chief places, the methods of living, general character, and relations to the early settlers. Biographies of their prominent men are given.

The history is properly arranged, and follows the development of the town step by step in the principal events. The important part played by the town in "Philip's War" is set forth with faithful detail, with information, gleaned from all accessible sources, placed here in a readable form. The circumstances of the town's part in later wars, with lists of officers and soldiers; the growth of Ecclesiastical, Educational and Social institutions, is carefully noted, with sketches of old families and prominent men. The volume is finely illustrated; and taken altogether is one of the best of our local histories thus far published.

The defect (and it is a serious one) is the absence of an alphabetical index of names of persons, places and subjects mentioned.

By the Rev. Geo. M. Bodge, A.M., of East Boston.

*Bureau of Education, N. H. R. Dawson, Commissioner. Circular of Information No. I., 1889. Contributions to American Educational History.* Edited by HERBERT B. ADAMS. No. VII., *Higher Education in Wisconsin.* By WILLIAM F. ALLEN and DAVID E. SPENCER, University of Wisconsin. Washington: Government Printing Office. 1889. 8vo. pp. 68.

The Circulars of Information issued by the United States Bureau of Educa-tion contain a vast amount of information concerning the history and present condition of education, particularly in this country. Among the most valuable numbers published are those constituting the series edited by Prof. Adams, of Johns Hopkins University, entitled, "Contributions to American Educational



History," of which the number before us is the seventh. The series was commenced in 1887. No. 1 is "The College of William and Mary," by the editor, Prof. Herbert B. Adams; No. 2, "Thomas Jefferson and the University of Virginia," also by Prof. Adams; No. 3, "History of Education in North Carolina," by Charles L. Smith; No. 4, "History of Higher Education in South Carolina," by Colyer Meriwether; No. 5, "Education in Georgia," by Charles Edgeworth Jones; No. 6, "Education in Florida," by George Gray Bush; and No. 7, the present number, devoted to the State of Wisconsin. These works are deserving of careful study by all who are interested in the progress of educational science in this country. They show that the several authors have thoroughly investigated the subjects they have written upon. Views of buildings used for educational purposes, both exteriors and interiors, illustrate all the numbers.

*General Catalogue of Bowdoin College and the Medical School of Maine, including the Officers of Government and Instruction and all who have received Degrees from the Institution, 1794-1889.* Brunswick, Maine: Published by the College. 1889. 8vo. pp. 174.

*Catalogue of the Officers and Students of the Law School of Harvard University, 1817-1887.* Cambridge: Charles W. Sever. 1888. 8vo. pp. 224.

These two catalogues have important improvements upon previous issues of the institutions named.

The last general catalogue of Bowdoin College appeared in 1881, and like those preceding it was in the Latin language. The authorities have now decided to print the catalogue in English. Bowdoin College was incorporated in 1794, instruction commenced in 1802 and the first class was graduated in 1806. The whole number of persons who have received degrees is stated to be 3915, of whom 2224 are supposed to be living and 1691 are dead. This catalogue "aims to give the date and place of birth, also, when necessary, of death, the residence and occupation, and the academic degrees of every graduate. Membership in the upper branches of the State Legislatures and in Congress, the holding of the higher political and judicial offices and services in the late civil war, are noticed." It will be observed that important new features are found in this edition. The work of collecting the new statistics about so many individuals must have cost the editor, whom we take to be Prof. George T. Little, the librarian of the college, a great amount of labor. It is surprising that he has been so successful. It is expected that either a new edition of this catalogue, or a list of the living alumni with their post office addresses, will be issued in 1894.

A general catalogue of the students of the Law School of Harvard University was published from 1830 to 1851 triennially, and also in 1858. The interval between the last issue and the present one is thirty-one years. The preceding issues contained "two lists of the former students, namely, an alphabetical and an annual list." In the latter list the students were arranged under the year in which they respectively left the school. The scope and plan of the catalogue have been much enlarged in the present issue, prepared by the librarian, Mr. John H. Arnold. As in former catalogues there are two lists, an annual and an alphabetical one. The annual list has been improved by "adding to the name of every graduate of a college, not only his degree but the college from which he received it, and the year in which he graduated, and also by adding to the name of every graduate of the law school both his LL.B. and the year when he received it," except in a few instances when the date could not be ascertained. The residence of the living and the place and date of death of the dead are given in nearly every case. The alphabetical list gives the name of the town from which the students entered, the full date of their entrance, and the year in which they left the school. Mr. Arnold has succeeded remarkably well in carrying out his plan. He is now collecting statistics for a future edition. The whole number of students amounts to 5,263, of whom 1366 are known to be dead and 3218 are known to be living, leaving 679 not accounted for.

*The De La Poles.* By the Rev. JOHN JAMES RAVEN, D.D. 1889. 8vo. pp. 20.

*The Sancrofts.* By the Rev. JOHN JAMES RAVEN, D.D. 1889. 8vo. pp. 8.

*Wingfield Church and Castle, Fressingfield Church, Hazne Priory.* 1889. 8vo. pp. 12.

These three pamphlets are papers read before the Suffolk Institute of Archaeo-

logy, and are reprinted from the Proceedings of that society. Their author, the Rev. Dr. Raven, vicar of Fressingfield with Witherdale and honorary canon of Norwich Cathedral, is a learned antiquarian writer.

The De La Pole family, to which the first paper is devoted, held the earldom and dukedom of Suffolk, in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. To Rev. Dr. Raven's paper is appended a pedigree of the Wingfield family by E. M. Dewing, Esq.

The Sancrofts, the subject of the next paper, were connected with the parish of Fressingfield. One of the family, Rev. Dr. William Sancroft, was master of Emmanuel College when John Harvard was educated there, and another, the doctor's nephew, William, was archbishop of Canterbury from 1678 to 1691.

The last pamphlet describes some historic buildings in Suffolk, visited last year by the Institute of Archaeology of that county. The three papers will be read with interest by American as well as English antiquaries.

*American Notes and Queries; A Medium of Intercommunication for Literary Men, General Readers, etc.* Published Weekly by the Westminster Publishing Company, 619 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. W. H. GARRISON, Editor. Sm. 4to. pp. 16 in each No. Price \$3 a year, or 10 cents a number.

The eighteenth number of the third volume of this periodical is before us. It bears date August 31, 1889. The work is intended to be a "medium of intercommunication for literary men, general readers, etc.," in America, as its London namesake has been for nearly half a century for the whole English speaking race. The editor welcomes to his pages notes and queries on all matters of general literary and historical interest, such as "folk lore, the origin of proverbs, familiar sayings, popular customs, quotations, the authorship of books, pamphlets, poems, essay or stories, the meaning of recondite allusions, etc." This magazine bids fair to be of great use.

*Inscriptions on Tombstones in Milford, Conn., erected prior to 1800; together with a few of Aged Persons who died after that date.* Transcribed and Annotated by NATHAN G. POND. New Haven: Printed for the New Haven Colony Historical Society. 1889. 8vo. pp. 69. Price \$1.25 including postage. Address, D. E. Bowes, P. O. Box 595, New Haven, Conn.

Two hundred and fifty years have been completed since the town of Milford was settled. The quarter millenary of the settlement was appropriately commemorated on the 28th of August. It was very fitting that a work like the present should be brought out at this time. It is from advance sheets of the fifth volume of the Papers of the New Haven Historical Society. Only 250 copies will be issued in this form, the remainder of the impression being reserved for the next volume of the Society's Papers.

The inscriptions have been copied exactly, and are printed line for line as they stand in the original. The pamphlet is well printed on fine paper, and is embellished with a dozen or more engravings of tomb and grave stones, of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. These illustrations were furnished by William Miles Fuller, whose ancestors for seven generations are buried in Milford, and were copied from photographs by R. A. Lawrence of New York, also of Milford descent.

Mr. Pond deserves great credit for the work he has done, and for the admirable manner in which he has performed it. We hope his example will be followed by citizens of other towns, particularly those towns having ancient burial places as this has.

*Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, For the Year 1886.* Vol. XXXVIII. New Series, Vol. II. Liverpool: Printed for the Society. 1889. 8vo. pp. xvi.+178.—*For the Year 1887.* Vol. XXXIX. New Series, Vol. III. Liverpool: Printed for the Society. 1889. 8vo. pp. xvi.+183.

Since our notice of the Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, last January, two later volumes have been received by us, namely, those for the years 1886 and 1887, whose titles are given above. The volume for 1886, which forms the second volume of a new series, is edited by E. M. Hance, LL.B., one of the honorary secretaries of the Society. The first paper in the volume is by J. Venn, Sc.D., F.R.S., and is entitled, Notes on the Family of Ashton of Penketh, co. Lancaster, with special reference to John

Ashton who was executed for his adherence to the Jacobite Cause, 28th January, 1691. This is followed by Rochdale in the beginning of the 17th century, by Lieut. Col. Fishwick, F.S.A.; Notes on the Ancient Cheshire Family of Bennett of Saughall Massey, and Bennett of Barnston, with their Collateral Branches, by the editor of the volume, Mr. Hance; and a List of the Moore Papers, by T. N. Morton, relating chiefly to the Civil War, Taxation, the Restoration and the Siege of Liverpool. The concluding paper is by W. O. Roper on The Missing History of Warton, by John Lucas. This history was compiled by Mr. Lucas, a schoolmaster, who began the work about 1710 and completed it in 1743. It was never printed, but was used by writers of historical works as late as 1825; though for many years it has been lost. In 1880, a manuscript purporting to be the missing history, or a copy of it, was anonymously sent to the Vicar of Warton. This manuscript Mr. Roper describes in his paper. The volume is a valuable addition to the local history of the two counties. Mr. Hance's paper on the Bennett Family is embellished with illuminated certificates of arms and crests of that family.

The volume for 1887 is edited by Richard D. Radcliffe, M.A., also honorary secretary of the Society. It contains papers on Foreign Quarterings in Lancashire Shields, by Rev. Andrew E. P. Gray, M.A., F.S.A.; Windleshaw Chantry and Cemetery, by Rev. Austin Powell; The Domesday Record of the Lanu between Ribble and Mersey, by Rev. Mr. Gray; Recent Roman Discoveries in Lancashire and Cheshire, by the late W. Thompson Watkins; The Descent of the Mascys of Rixton in the County of Lancaster, by Mrs. Arthur Cecil Tempest; and Selections from the Ancient Papers of the Moore Family formerly of Liverpool and Bank Hall. Mrs. Tempest's paper is illustrated with four plates of seals, containing about fifty specimens, attached to letters and documents among the Marcy papers. The volume well sustains the reputation of previous issues.

Besides these papers, the volumes contain abstracts of the proceedings and lists of members of the Society in the several years. The Society was organized in 1848, and the Earl of Ellesmere, lord-lieutenant of Lancashire, was the first of its nine presidents. Rt. Hon. William E. Gladstone was the fourth. The present president is the Bishop of Chester, who in 1885 succeeded Thomas Glazebrook Rylands, F.S.A., who had held the office six years. Both Mr. Gladstone and the Marquess of Salisbury, the prime minister of England, are members of the Society.

*The Census of Massachusetts, 1885.* Prepared under the Direction of CARROLL D. WRIGHT, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor. Vol. I., Population and Social Statistics, Part I., Boston, 1887, 8vo. pp. xcl.+685; Part II., Boston, 1888, 8vo. pp. cxxxi.+1331. Vol. II., Manufactures, The Fisheries and Commerce. Boston, 1888, 8vo. pp. ccxxxix.+1543.

These three bulky volumes, aggregating over four thousand large octavo pages, present to the public the result of the Census of Massachusetts taken in 1885, under the superintendence of Hon. Carroll D. Wright, who was chief of the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor from 1873 to 1888, and is now the Commissioner of the United States Bureau of Labor. Col. Wright has had much experience in this kind of work, having had charge of the previous state census of 1875 and of the United Census of Massachusetts in 1880.

The scope of the work is much enlarged from the previous census, and many new topics have been introduced. The facts collected by the agents of the census bureau concerning the population, social statistics, manufactures, fisheries and commerce of Massachusetts, are skilfully grouped and carefully tabulated. To each of the three volumes is prefixed a thorough analysis of its contents by Col. Wright.

The working force of the office was placed under the following efficient officers, namely: Messrs. Charles F. Pidgin, William C. Hunt, Robert T. Swan, Frank H. Drown, Charles R. Prescott, Horace G. Wadlin and Clarence Dow, and to these gentlemen Col. Wright acknowledges his indebtedness for their faithfulness and readiness to serve the commonwealth.

The statistics of the libraries and reading rooms in the state, which, as might be expected, are very full and minute, will interest many of our readers. A complete list of villages, including those which have no post office as well as those which have, arranged both alphabetically and under the towns, supplies information which we know not where else to find. The list of counties and

towns, showing the dates of incorporation, changes in name, etc., which was compiled by the Rev. Joseph B. Felt, LL.D., in 1848, and printed in the first volume of the Collections of the American Statistical Association, which was afterwards enlarged by Mr. George Wingate Chase and printed with the Massachusetts Census of 1860, and which for a number of years past has been annually printed in the Manual of the General Court with the necessary changes, has been thoroughly revised and appears here with some additional topics.

We have not space to point out the many interesting features of this Census of our state, nor to dwell upon the admirable manner in which it has been executed. It is a storehouse of information concerning the wealth and resources of Massachusetts, and the people of our state have cause to be thankful that the work of collecting and digesting these statistics was placed in such competent hands. Col. Wright deserves great praise for the ability, skill and devotion to duty which he has shown.

*An Address delivered before the Confederate Survivors' Association, in Augusta, Georgia, on the occasion of its eleventh annual reunion, on Memorial Day, April 26, 1889.* By CHARLES C. JONES, JR., LL.D., President of the Association. Printed by order of the Association. Augusta, Ga.: Chronicle Publishing Company. 1889. Pamphlet, 8vo. pp. 85.

Under the title of "Georgians during the war between the States," Col. Jones, in this address, furnishes an intelligent exhibit of the condition of Georgia at the outbreak, and during the continuance, of the civil war of 1861-5. With a justified pride in the record of his native State, Col. Jones recounts from Georgia in the service of the confederacy a Vice President, a Secretary of State, a Quartermaster-General, a Commissary General, four of the twenty-one Lieutenant Generals, eleven of the one hundred and two Major Generals, fifty-four of the four hundred and seventy-five Brigadiers, and one hundred and twenty thousand soldiers, forming of infantry sixty-nine regiments, twelve battalions and five legions; of cavalry twelve regiments and twelve battalions; of artillery nine battalions. Suitable recognition is made of the earnest support to the cause of the State government, the people, the women and the negroes. Claiming that his State did her whole duty and performed it nobly, Col. Jones concludes that such recollections encourage expectation of present and future loyalty and manliness.

*By George A. Gordon, A.M., of Somerville, Mass.*

*Charter and By-Laws of the Essex Institute, with a List of its Officers and Members.* Salem: Printed at the Salem Press. 1889. 8vo. pp. 26.

*Sketch of Mrs. William Jarvis of Weathersfield, Vermont.* By Mrs. MARY PEPPERELL SPARHAWK JARVIS CUTTS. Edited by her grandson CECIL HAMPDEN CUTTS HOWARD. Salem: Printed at the Salem Press. 1887. 8vo. pp. 33.

*An Account of Cleopatra's Barge, built at Salem in 1816.* By BENJAMIN W. CROWNINSHIELD. Salem, Mass.: Salem Press Publishing and Printing Co. 1889. 8vo. pp. 38.

*A Pen-Ramble in Linebrook.* By M. V. B. PERLEY. 8vo. pp. 10.

*Early Records of the Church of Topsfield.* Edited by JOHN H. GOULD. 8vo. pp. 27.

*Inscriptions from Gravestones in the Old Burying Ground in Wenham.* Copied by WELLINGTON POOL. 8vo. pp. 28.

*Inscriptions from the Old Burying Ground at Lynnfield Centre.* Copied by JOHN T. MOULTON. 8vo. pp. 11.

The Essex Institute was incorporated in 1848, over forty years ago. Since then it has published six volumes of Proceedings, twenty-five volumes of Historical Collections, and twenty volumes of its Bulletin. Thus, it has issued on an average more than one volume a year. Above we give the titles of several pamphlets recently issued by the Institute. All except the first are reprints from its periodicals, the "Pen-Ramble in Linebrook" being from the Bulletin and the others from the Historical Collections. They show the variety and value of the articles in these two well-conducted serials.

*The Musical Record; a Journal of Music, Art, Literature.* Edited by DEXTER SMITH. Boston: Oliver Ditson Company, 449 and 451 Washington St. September, 1889. Monthly, Folio, 32 pages in a number. Subscription price \$1 a year, or 10cts a number.

This interesting musical periodical makes its appearance promptly at the beginning of each month. The number for September, 1889, is now before us. It contains a variety of matter interesting to the musical world, such as essays, poetry, anecdotes and musical news, with twelve pages of sheet music.

*Records of John Cary, the First Town Clerk of Bridgewater, Mass., from 1656 to 1681.* Published by LORING W. PUFFER. Brockton: William L. Puffer, Printer. 1889. 8vo. pp. 4+14. Price 50cts. Address, Loring W. Puffer, Brockton, Mass.

The pamphlet before us contains the earliest town records of Bridgewater, being all the records kept by John Cary, the first clerk, who died in 1681, after holding his office for a quarter of a century. Bridgewater was one of the principal towns in the colony of New Plymouth. Mr. Puffer deserves much praise for preserving in print these early and interesting records.

*Old New York; a Journal Relating to the History and Antiquities of New York City.* W. W. PASKO, Editor. Vol I. No. 1. August, 1889. New York: W. W. Pasko, 19 Park Place. 8vo. pp. 64. Published monthly. Subscription price \$5 a year. Single numbers 50 cts.

This new magazine which Mr. Pasko has commenced is devoted entirely to historical matters relating to the city of New York. There is abundant matter for such a periodical, and we trust that the interest will be sufficient to secure for it a liberal support. "The work is intended to cover the entire range of events from the discovery of the river and bay down to a period within the recollection of middle-aged persons." The present number contains interesting and valuable articles.

*The Province Seal of New Hampshire under William and Mary, 1692-1694. A Paper read by Request before Bostonian Society at the Stated Monthly Meeting held June 12, 1888.* By JAMES RINDGE STANWOOD of Boston. Boston: Old State House. 1889. 8vo. pp. 28.

Last year an early official seal of the Province of New Hampshire was loaned to the Bostonian Society by the owners, the Misses Getchell of Newburyport, Mass. The seal was placed in the hands of Mr. James Rindge Stanwood to investigate its history. His researches showed that it was the first seal used by New Hampshire under the charter of William and Mary, March 1, 1692. There had been two previous provincial seals issued by the British government—one to President John Cutt, and the other to Lieut. Gov. Edward Cranfield. This seal is of "sterling silver, weighing exactly three ounces, while its measurements are: diameter, one and thirteen sixteenths inches; circumference, five and five eighths inches; and its thickness one quarter of an inch." It bears the arms of England then in use with the legend "SIG: PROVIN: N:R:E: NOV: HAMPTON: IN: NOV: ANGLIA." Inside are the initials of William and Mary, with the capitals "R. R." (Rex et Regina) entwined. John Usher, lieutenant governor of the province under the charter of 1692, assumed government on the 13th of August, of that year, and probably used this seal from that time till after the death of Queen Mary, Dec. 28, 1694, when a new one would be required. It is not known when the new seal was received from England, but Mr. Stanwood finds an impression of it, Nov. 6, 1695. Why the seal of William and Mary was not defaced when that of William III. was received, as was usual, is not known: but this die, in the loan collection of the Bostonian Society, seems to be as perfect as it was when it left the engraver's hands.

Mr. Stanwood prepared a paper on this seal which he read to the Society at its meeting June 12, 1888, when the die was formally deposited with the Society. In this paper he embodied the result of his exhaustive researches upon the history of that and other provincial, colony and state seals used by New Hampshire. The paper is printed in this pamphlet with an elaborate introduction. It is embellished with several elegant illustrations, namely, a fine heliotype of this seal; an engraving of the arms of England; beautiful portraits of King William and Queen Mary from very rare engravings; and four engravings of the seals of the colony and state of New Hampshire.

Mr. Stanwood announces his intention of writing a monograph on the history of the seals of New Hampshire. From the thorough manner in which he has investigated the subject of this useful pamphlet and the interest with which he has invested it, we shall look forward with deep interest for the new work.

*A History of the Clan Mac Lean from its First Settlement at Duard Castle in the Isle of Mull to the Present Period, Including a Genealogical Account of some of the Principal Families, Together with their Heraldry, Legends, Superstitions, etc.* By J. P. MACLEAN. Limited Edition. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1889. Royal 8vo. pp. 475.

*The Lindsays of America; A Genealogical Narrative and Family Record; beginning with the Family of the Earliest Settler in the Mother State, Virginia, and including in an Appendix all the Lindsays of America.* By MARGARET ISABELLA LINDSAY. Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons. 1889. Fcp. 4to. pp. xvi. + 275. Price \$5.

*The Hakes Family.* By HARRY HAKES, M.D., Attorney at Law, of Wilkes-Barré, Pennsylvania. Second Edition, with Additions and Corrections. Wilkes-Barré, Pa. 1889. 8vo. pp. 220.

*Records of the Sherman Family, as relating to the Ancestors and Descendants of Benjamin Sherman from Henry Sherman, County of Suffolk, England, down to the Thirteenth Generation.* By DAVID H. SHERMAN. 1887. 8vo. pp. 94.

*Genealogical Records of Wellington Smith and Family.* Collected and Arranged by WELLINGTON SMITH. 1889. 4to. pp. 56.

*The Washingtons and their Connection with Warton.* By HENRY WHITMAN. With Phototint of "The Arms of Washington" on Warton Church and the "Washington House, Warton." Boston: Damrell & Upham. Lancaster, England: E. & J. L. Milner; R. & G. Brash. Sm. 4to. pp. 18 + 2. Price 25 cts.

*John Thomson and Family.* By JOHN BODINE THOMPSON. Williamsport, Pa.: Gazette and Bulletin Printing House. 1889. Royal 8vo. pp. 29.

*Letters Concerning the Perkins Family.* Salem: Printed at the Salem Press. 1887. 8vo. pp. 24.

*Genealogy of the Allen Family of Manchester, Mass., from the Earliest Settlement to the year 1886.* By JOHN PRICE. Salem: Printed at the Salem Press. 1888. 8vo. pp. 47.

*Gleanings Relative to the Family of Adam Hawkes, one of the Early Settlers of the Third Plantation of Massachusetts Bay.* Contributed by NATHAN M. HAWKES. 8vo. pp. 20. Salem. 1889.

*Northrup Genealogy.* By HON. A. JUDSON NORTHRUP, of Syracuse, N. Y. 8vo. pp. 18.

We continue in this number our quarterly notices of genealogical publications recently issued.

The first book on our list is the *History of the Clan MacLean*. The author is John Patterson MacLean, whose Antiquity of Man and other antiquarian works have been noticed in the REGISTER. "It will be observed," says the author, "that this volume is almost wholly confined to the MacLeans of Scotland. The family histories, of whatever branch, must necessarily begin with the clan itself; and as the clan history does not extend outside of Scotland, the foundation must necessarily be laid in the land of its birth. To treat of the MacLeans in other countries would require several volumes—America alone would demand a large one." Those who wish to inform themselves concerning the early history and antiquities of the MacLeans will find this volume exceedingly valuable. The author seems to have exhausted every available source of information, and he presents his readers with the result of his researches in a clear and interesting manner. The earliest published history of the clan is an Account of the Clan MacLean, by the Rev. John Campbell Sinclair, which appeared in 1838 under the pseudonym of Seneachie. This and other rare books and manuscripts relating to the clan have been made use of by the author in preparing this book. Though no regular genealogy of the American MacLeans has been attempted, information concerning many of them will be found in the chapters on the poets and authors of the name. The volume is handsomely printed and bound, and is embellished with over fifty illustrations, such as maps, portraits, views of battlefields, castles, tombs, ruins and armorial bearings. Instead of an index a copious table of contents is furnished, which the author thinks will in this case be more serviceable to the reader.

The second book on our list is *The Lindsays of America*. The book is in narrative form, and is chiefly devoted to the Virginia family of the name descended from Rev. David Lindsay, who settled in Northumberland County, Va., in the middle of the seventeenth century. His descendants embrace many distinguished personages, as will be seen by this volume. The appendix contains genealogical data relating to other American families of the name, arranged under the several States of the Union in which they are located or from which they sprang. A number of folding tabular pedigrees show the descent of the Virginia Lindsays from that and other prominent families in the old world. Views of places connected with the history of the family embellish the volume. It is handsomely printed in antique style. The edition is limited.

The *Hakes Genealogy* is a second edition of the book which Dr. Hakes published in 1886, and which was noticed by us in April, 1887. In his preface to this, which he calls his "final edition," the author tells us, "Since the publication of my first edition, I have continued my investigations, correcting errors and mistakes occurring therein, and arranging newly discovered names as fast as obtained in their proper places. As to the christian name of the ancestor of Solomon Hakes, nothing new has been found. A thorough search of the Records of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut has failed to show a legitimate name of a 'Hakes' previous to our Solomon Hakes in Westerly, Rhode Island, in April, 1709. My searches in England have been barren of any value to find his birth-place. The name 'Hakes' can be found there early in the fifteenth century, and persons of the name are still there, but not very numerous." The first edition of this book contained 87 pages. The present edition contains 220 pages. This shows that the researches of Dr. Hakes in the interval have produced good results. The number of descendants here recorded is greatly increased. The book is clearly arranged, thoroughly indexed and handsomely printed. Appended to the genealogy are interesting reports of the proceedings at two annual reunions of the family at Niagara, N. Y., Aug. 3, 1887, and Aug. 21, 1888.

The record of the Sherman Family is by David H. Sherman, of Dover Plains, N. Y. The volume is not published, but privately printed at his expense for gratuitous distribution to his relatives. The book is carefully compiled, is printed in an elegant style and handsomely bound. It is a worthy memorial of the author's ancestors and kindred. The articles in the *REGISTER* for January and April, 1870, are reprinted in substance in the Appendix.

The volume on the Smith family contains records of ancestors of the children of the compiler, Wellington Smith, of Lee, Mass. One line of each of the following families is given: Canfield, Yale, Ingersoll, Edwards, Shannon, Clark, Bullard and Bulkeley. A copy of the will of Stephen Hopkins, one of the Pilgrim Fathers, printed on hand-made parchment paper at the Japanese Government Industrial Establishment, at Tokio, Japan, is bound at the end of the volume. The book is well compiled and handsomely printed.

The Washington pamphlet is a reprint from the *Castle Howell School Record*. Mr. Whitman seems to assume the trustworthiness of the pedigree prepared by a London genealogist some fifteen or more years ago, and published in 1879 by the late Albert Welles of New York, as he reprints it substantially. This pedigree is shown on pages 423-4 of this number of the *REGISTER* to be unreliable, particularly in relation to the Virginia emigrants. But though they were not born at Warton, their ancestors, at an early period, resided there, as will be seen by the Washington tabular pedigree in this number. The Washington Arms in the church there will therefore have an interest to Americans. Mr. Whitman prints the inscription on the tombstone, in Wickhamford church, of Penelope Washington, an abstract of whose will is given by Mr. Waters in his *Gleanings*.

John Thomson, to whose history and that of his descendants the next work is devoted, was a Scotchman, born in 1735, who settled in New Jersey in the middle of the last century. He was killed by the Indians in 1778. A detailed account of his life will be found here. Tables of his descendants are appended.

The Perkins pamphlet is a reprint from the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute*, as are also the two following works. This pamphlet contains, "Notice of the Perkins Arms in England," and "Two Historical Letters," both by Augustus T. Perkins and "Notes on the Perkins Pedigree," by William H. Whitmore. The last article originally appeared in the *REGISTER*, vol. xi. p. 315, and vol. xii. p. 294. Much interesting matter relative to the English families of Perkins will be found here.

Mr. Price's pamphlet on the Allen Family is devoted to the descendants of William Allen, who came to this country probably in 1624, and settled at Cape Anne, whence he removed to Salem, where he was living when Gov. Endicott arrived. Subsequently he settled at Manchester. The work seems to be carefully prepared.

The next pamphlet contains gleanings relating to Adam Hawkes, an early settler of Lynn, Mass., and his family. It also contains an account of the proceedings at a family reunion at North Saugus, July 28 and 29, 1880, a quarter millenary celebration.

The Northrup pamphlet is a reprint from the July REGISTER.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TO SEPT. 2, 1889.

### I. Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.

The Problem of the Northmen. A letter to Judge Daly, the President of the American Geographical Society, on the Opinion of Justin Winsor, that "Though Scandinavians may have reached the Shores of Labrador, the Soil of the United States has not one vestige of their Presence." By Eben Norton Horsford, Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1889. Folio, pp. 21.

Groton Historical Series, Vol. II., No. 13. Dr. S. A. Green, Editor, Groton, Mass. 1889. 8vo.

The Bangor Historical Magazine, Nos. 9 and 10, Vol. 4, March and April. 1889. Edited by Joseph W. Porter, Bangor, Maine. 8vo.

The Index Library, Part XX. August, 1889. By W. P. W. Phillimore, M.A., B.C.L. London. 8vo. pp. 48.

The Fight between the "Peacock" and the "Hornet" in 1812. By N. Darnell Davis, of Demerara. 1889. 8vo.

### II. Other Publications.

Proceedings in Commemoration of the Organization in Pittsfield, Feb. 7, 1764, of the First Church of Christ, Feb. 7, 1889. Pittsfield, Mass.: Press of the Sun Printing Company. 1889. 8vo. pp. 135.

Johns Hopkins University Studies. Seventh Series, VII. VIII. IX. The River Towns of Connecticut. A Study of Wethersfield, Hartford, and Windsor. July, August, September. 1889. 8vo. pp. 126.

A History of the Statue Erected to Commemorate the Heroic Achievement of Maj. John Mason and his Comrades, with an account of the Unveiling Ceremonies. Compiled by Thomas S. Collier, Secretary of the New London County Historical Society. Published by the Commission. 1889. 8vo. pp. 62.

Proceedings of the Winthrop Training School, on Memorial Day, May 12, 1889, with the Memorial Address of Hon. J. L. M. Curry, LL.D. Columbia, S. C.: The Bryan Printing Company. 1889. 8vo. pp. 29.

Monograph of Centennial Museum, Columbia, Penn. 1788-1888. Held during the Centennial of the Borough of Columbia, Sept. 26, 27, 28, 1888. Edited by Rev. Francis J. Clay Moran, B.D. Price 30 cents. The Columbia Spy Print, Columbia, Penn.

Address at the Centennial Celebration of Georgetown College, Feb. 21, 1889. By Martin F. Morris, Esq. Washington: Rufus H. Darby, Publisher, 1889. 8vo. pp. 33.

Collections of the Surrey Archaeological Society. Vol. IX. Part 2. London: Printed by Roworth & Co., for The Surrey Archaeological Society. 1888. 8vo.

Memorial of James Pillsbury Lane, Hyde Park, Mass. 1889. 8vo. pp. 16.

The Rhode Island Emigration to Nova Scotia. By Ray Greene Huling, A.M., New Bedford, Mass. Providence, R. I. Reprinted from the Narragansett Historical Register, April, 1889. 8vo. pp. 49.

Sermon Preached at the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls. By the Reverend William Goodhue Wells, Newton Lower Falls, Mass. 1889. 8vo. pp. 33.

Letters of Joseph Jones, of Virginia. 1777-1787. Washington Department of State. 1889. Sm. quarto, pp. 157.



## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

## HISTORICAL INTELLIGENCE.

**THE CHURCH BELLS OF SUFFOLK.** By the Rev. John James Raven, D.D., of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, Vicar of Fressingfield-with-Withersdale and honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral.—This work is in preparation and will soon be published by subscription. It will contain an account of all the Church bells in the County of Suffolk, England—their makers and history—as far as they can be discovered, with other interesting matter. The book will be fully illustrated with engravings of ornaments, letterings, founders'-marks, shields, &c., of which some will be found hitherto unknown. Five hundred copies, demy, 8vo., will be printed, price 15s.; and fifty copies royal 4to., price 25s. The price will be raised after publication. Address the publishers, Messrs. Jarrold & Sons, Norwich, England.

**REMINISCENCES OF GALENA, ILL.**—Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1889, completed fifty years since Andrew M. Haines, Esq., settled at Galena, and the *Gazette* of that city, Aug. 22, contains some very interesting reminiscences by Mr. Haines.

**NEW ENGLAND MAGAZINE.**—A new series of the *New England Magazine*; an *Illustrated Monthly*, commenced in September, edited by Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D.D., and Mr. Edwin D. Mead. The work is published by the New England Magazine Company, 36 Bromfield Street, Boston. Subscription price \$3 a year or 25 cents a number. Under such editorial control, the work cannot fail to be worthy of patronage.

**DE COSTA'S PRE-COLUMBIAN DISCOVERY OF AMERICA BY THE NORTHMEN.**—Twenty years ago a work with this title, by the Rev. B. F. De Costa, D.D., of New York city, was published by Joel Munsell of Albany, and was noticed in this periodical in April, 1869. The edition was soon taken up. It is now proposed to print a new, revised and enlarged edition. The publishers will be Joel Munsell's Sons, Albany, N. Y. Price \$3 bound in cloth.

**GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think may be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from college or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of births, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

**Forbes-Forbush.** By Col. Fred. C. Pierce, Rockford, Ill.—Col. Pierce purposes publishing a history and genealogy of the Forbes, Forbush and Furbish family in America. The emigrant ancestor came to this country from Aberdeen, Scotland, at an early day, and the descendants spell the name no less than eleven different ways.

**Hatch, Gross, Gifford and Nye.** By Edwin T. Hatch, 1512 Court Place, Denver, Colorado.—Mr. Hatch has been engaged for some eighteen years collecting items and data for a genealogy of the Hatch family, and for some ten years has been looking up the Grow family. He has also considerable matter relating to the Nye and Gifford families.

**Pearson.** By John M. Pearson of Hudson, N. Y.—Mr. Pearson's father, the late Prof. Jonathan Pearson of Union College, left a record of the Pearson family which is nearly complete down to about 1850. It is proposed to bring the record down to date, and Mr. Pearson requests that copies of family records, the addresses of persons of that name, and other information be sent to him at an early date.

*Sears.* By Samuel Pearce May.—The work will be devoted to the descendants of Richard Sares of Yarmouth, Mass., 1638–1888; and other families by the name of Sears. It will contain notices of some 5000 of the name, and many in female lines; is expected to make over 500 pp. octavo, and will have a full index. Price \$5.00, or 5.25 if by mail. It will be printed as soon as sufficient subscriptions are received to warrant the outlay. The edition will be closely limited, and as it will not be reprinted, persons wishing copies will do well to send their orders at once to the compiler, Samuel Pearce May, 272 Centre St., Newton, Mass.

*Wyman.* By Joseph G. Wyman, of Skowhegan, Maine.—All persons bearing this name, and all descendants of Wymans, are earnestly requested to communicate with Mr. Wyman, who is collecting materials for a genealogy of the family in America. Information from any source will be gratefully received.

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*Town Records of Manchester, from the earliest grants of land, 1636, when a portion of Salem, until 1736, as contained in the Town Records of Salem, Second and Third Book of Records of the Town of Manchester.* Salem, Mass.: Salem Press Publishing and Printing Co. 1889. 8vo. pp. 211.

One of the earliest settlers of the Massachusetts Bay—one of the "Old Planters" whose arrival here antedated that of both Endicott and Winthrop—was William Jeffrey, who is supposed to have given his name to Jeffrey's Creek, on the North shore of the Bay, between what are now Beverly and Gloucester, and who probably at that remote period occupied it for fishing and trading purposes. Jeffrey's Creek was afterwards included within the limits of Salem, and that Town made several grants of land there, some at least as early as 1636. The General Court, May 13, 1640, granted the "petition of the inhabitants of Salem for some of their church to have Jeffryes Creeke, & land to erect a village there." The Court at the session of May 14, 1645, "ordered y<sup>t</sup> Jeffryes Creeke shalbe called Manchester," and from this it dates its separate existence as a town. It is not by any means certain why the name Manchester was chosen. Of various conjectures, Mr. William H. Whitmore's is not improbable, that as the great Civil War in England was then raging, and the Earl of Manchester had been but a short time before in command of the Parliamentary forces, it was in his honor that the town received its name, although, of course, Manchester in Lancashire, then a small place which gave but few indications of its present importance, may have furnished a name for the new town.

Manchester is thus one of the oldest towns in Massachusetts. For the first two centuries the population was essentially a sea-faring one, and probably few towns on the coast have had so many ship-masters and seamen in proportion to its size. On the decay of our commerce and fisheries it became noted for cabinet-making, which was at one time extensively carried on. But this branch of industry has in its turn experienced a decline, and now the unrivalled beauty of its situation has made Manchester one of the most famous summer resorts in New England, and fine residences crown nearly every projecting headland.

This volume, as its title page indicates, contains all the general records of the town which have been preserved to us from the beginning down to the year

1786, with an index of persons arranged by Christian and surnames and an index of places and subjects. It is published by vote of the town, and is the work of the Town Clerk, Alfred S. Jewett, with the coöperation of a committee appointed for the purpose consisting of Daniel Leach, William H. Tappan and D. L. Bingham. The thanks of the community are due to them for the painstaking and faithful manner in which they have performed their task. No greater service to posterity can be rendered than by thus putting beyond the possibility of loss by fire or other casualty the fast decaying remnants of our early records, and generations yet unborn will bless the memory of the men to whose care and forethought they are indebted for the rescue from threatened destruction of these precious relics of the past. The records of all our ancient towns should be made accessible in print to the investigator. This great work has been too long delayed. If it had been begun a century ago, much that is now hopelessly lost might have been saved to us.\*

We are apt to forget that much of the literary work of the antiquaries of this generation will have to be done over again; that the essays we write will not be read by those who come after us; that the histories we publish will be superseded in the next generation by others based on materials unknown or inaccessible to us; that our decisions will be over-ruled and the verdicts we render will be set aside on account of evidence yet to be discovered. The duty incumbent upon the men of our day is to carefully gather up and put in print all the records of the past that have come down to us. It is the work of the collector and preserver which will last for all time, and if properly done now it will not need to be done again. History can wait until the materials for it are collected, and when so deferred it will be all the better for the delay.

In addition to the general records of the town of Manchester, there are in the Town Clerk's office, as yet unpublished, the records of births, deaths, marriages, and intentions of marriage, the selectmen's account books and the proprietors' records. It is to be hoped that steps will be immediately taken to carry on the good work, so that long before the approaching celebration of the 250th anniversary of the town, all its records from the earliest times down to at least the beginning of the present century, if not later, may be put in imperishable form in print.

By John T. Hassam, A.M., of Boston.

*The Jewels of Pythian Knighthood.* Edited by JOHN VAN VALKENBURG, Past Supreme Chancellor. Cincinnati: The Pettibone Company, Fraternity Publishers. 1889. pp. 451, 8vo.

The contents of this volume more immediately concern the order. Several of the papers, however, are of wider interest. Dr. Talmage tells his opinion of secret orders good and bad, in a brilliant but sensible excerpt from one of his sermons. This order has now more than 250,000 members. It is founded on the principle of friendship and arranges its ritual around the story of Damon and Pythias, as illustrative of the genius and spirit of the order. The editor, in a graphic article, illustrated with wood cuts of photographs taken on the spot, describes a Day in Sicily. He confines his attention to Palermo, Monreale and Messina. The Hon. Charles B. Waite contributes a historical and topographical paper on Sicily and Syracuse, its most ancient city, the scene of the Damon and Pythias story. Mr. Waite's article is likewise illustrated, and is very good reading indeed, although his statistics of the cities would bear reconsideration. The Hon. Charles Cowley, LL.D., a life member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, contributes two papers, one a reproduction of a speech delivered at Rochester and another a paper read at Toronto. In these papers Judge Cowley seems to have exhausted the subject, tracing every hint in ancient classic and early Christian authors that make any allusion to the Pythian legend, passing in review the ancient versions of Cicero, Diodorus Siculus, Valerius Maximus, Porphyry and Jamblichus, correcting previous translations, showing how Lactantius introduces the story, hinting at St. Paul's knowledge of it, and showing

\* At the annual meeting of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, January 2, 1889, John T. Hassam, A.M., a special committee, made an exhaustive report on "Dangers to Public Records," which report was printed with the Society's Annual Proceedings. It was proved that the only sure way of preserving records is to print them. Copies were sent to the various town clerks. The town of Manchester is one of the first towns to get its records into print, although others have theirs in preparation.—EDITOR.

traces of Pythagorean ideas in Shakespeare and Addison, and stating that several eminent authors had reproduced something very like the Pythagorean metempsychosis. He also gives to the light an interesting letter of Ralph Waldo Emerson describing Syracuse as our Concord essayist saw it in 1833. Finally he gives, from the note-book of his own observation, illustrative cases of true friendship's self-sacrifice occurring among the men engaged in our army during the civil war. Judge Cowley's contributions put much recondite lore within the reach of the merely English reader for the first time, and justify the eulogium of the late Elias Nason as to his exploratory ability, respecting the origin of the farfamed story of Damon and Pythias and the tyrant of Sicily.

*By the Rev. Robert Court, D.D., Lowell, Mass.*

*The Ordinance of 1787.* By FREDERICK D. STONE, Librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. 8vo. pp. 34. Philadelphia. 1889.

This is a pamphlet reprint of an article contributed to the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. Its main intention is to criticize adversely certain eulogiums which have been bestowed upon Rev. Manasseh Cutler, LL.D., for his services in promoting the adoption by Congress of the ordinance named in the title. These tributes to Dr. Cutler have generally, and perhaps without exception, made special reference to the clauses of the ordinance prohibiting slavery and providing for the encouragement of popular education and the institutions of religion. Incidentally with its main intent the pamphlet gives in chronological order a concise summary of the several measures proposed or adopted in Congress which led up to the elaborated and final ordinance of 1787, and cites interesting passages from letters and speeches of eminent public men of the period, bearing upon the subject.

This secondary or incidental labor of the author will be generally recognized as of value and importance, being as respects the list of measures brought forward no doubt exhaustive, and, as respects the citations, instructive. Both the list and the citations will serve for ready reference to any one who purposes to re-investigate the subject. For without doubt a re-investigation by a competent critic will need to be made before the conclusion to which the author of the pamphlet arrives will be deemed final. Independently of any concern about the fame of Dr. Cutler, or about warrant for the praise or the criticism bestowed upon his work, there will be investigation of the main facts by any careful writer who undertakes to look into the origin of the great states which grew out of the "North-west Territory."

So far as it relates to Dr. Cutler and his eulogists or critics the question will probably turn out to be one of rhetoric, or of the right way of stating the case. The author of the pamphlet opens with a reference to the "Life, Journals and Correspondence of Manasseh Cutler," and says that he cannot agree with the views therein expressed, "that in the formation of the ordinance of 1787 for the government of the Northwest territory Dr. Cutler rendered an all-important influence." Later in the pamphlet Nathan Dane is quoted and relied on, the passage being in a letter from Dane to Rufus King, of date July 16, 1787. The ordinance had passed finally in Congress on July 18. Dane enclosed in his letter a copy of the ordinance and said to King that "we" (meaning Congress) "have been employed about several objects, the principal of which have been the government enclosed, and the Ohio purchase; the former you will see is completed and the latter will probably be completed tomorrow." Then, having set forth the stages of progress which the ordinance had made in the committee of which he was a member, Dane continues:—

"We found ourselves rather pressed. The Ohio Company appeared to purchase a large tract of the federal lands, and we wanted to abolish the old system and get a better one for the government of the country, and we finally found it necessary to adopt the best system we could."

All the testimony agrees that the only person who *pressed* was Manasseh Cutler, the agent, with full powers, of the Ohio Company. This pressure was such that Dane says it was found *necessary* to come to a result at once as to the territorial government. The author of the pamphlet finds that the proposition to prohibit slavery began with the persons who, in 1783, took the initiatory step in the formation of the Ohio Company, and that the proposition to provide for education and religion had been made before Cutler appeared upon the scene of Congressional action. He is willing to acknowledge as to the services of the



Doctor this much:—"There was certainly nothing original regarding the suggestions [of slavery-prohibition and the fostering of education and religion] in connection with Territorial government, and the credit of having recalled them at a critical time is all that can be awarded to him."

The question of fact seems to be, Did Dr. Cutler, as agent of the Ohio Company, go before Congress with the sentiment in his heart, which Stephen A. Douglass expressed in terms, that he "did not care whether slavery in the territories was voted up or voted down;" or did he insist that the primary and organic legislation of Congress should be such as to make it certain that in the settlement of the territory for which he negotiated (and which became the pattern for all later settlements) freedom, education and religion should be perpetuated?

The question of rhetoric seems to be, whether the service Dr. Cutler rendered may be described as an all-important one. The biographer of Dr. Cutler; the orator of the Marietta Centennial, Senator Hoar; the orator of the American Antiquarian Society, John M. Merriam; the orator of the American Historical Association, Dr. W. F. Poole; and the Rev. Edward E. Hale, D.D., all of whom the author of the pamphlet quotes, have said, virtually, that it was such a service.

*By Daniel W. Baker, Esq., of Boston, Mass.*

*Du Simitiere, Artist, Antiquary and Naturalist, Projector of the First American Museum. With some Extracts from his Note Book.* By WILLIAM JOHN POTTS. Philadelphia. 1889. 4to. pp. 37.

This is a reprint of an article contributed by Mr. Potts to the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. Pierre Eugene Du Simitiere, a native of Geneva, came to New York in 1764 or 1765, but soon removed to Burlington, N. J., and finally in 1766 to Philadelphia, where he spent the rest of his life, dying in October, 1784. This tract gives an interesting sketch of this artist, antiquary and naturalist, whom Americans have good reasons to thank. As an artist he preserved the features of some of the leaders of the revolution; as an antiquary he collected newspapers and rare pamphlets illustrating the history of that important event, now in the Philadelphia library, and which have been of much service to authors who have written upon it; and as a naturalist he rendered valuable service to our country. "His acquaintance," says Mr. Potts, "numbered many among the best men of the day, not only in Congress and the Revolutionary army, but also the officers of the French army and among the British." Thus his opportunities for gathering materials for the history of the Revolutionary period were very great, and he improved them.

The sketch of Du Simitiere's life by Mr. Potts is very satisfactory, and the copious extracts from the Note Book of the artist-antiquary, now in the Force Collection in the Library of Congress, add greatly to its value.

*The Register of Admissions to Gray's Inn, 1521-1889, together with the Register of Marriages in Gray's Inn Chapel, 1695-1754.* By JOSEPH FOSTER, author of "Alumni Oxonienses," "The British Peerage," "Our Noble and Gentle Families of Royal Descent," etc. etc. etc. London: Privately Printed by The Hansard Publishing Union, Limited, Great Queen Street. 1889. Super Royal, 8vo. pp. 580+cx. Price 3 guineas.

Mr. Foster in his preface informs us, that "among the records of national interest which remain unpublished and comparatively unknown, the Registers of our Inns of Court hold a preeminent position. As early as the days of Henry VI., we are reminded by Sir John Fortescue 'that knights, barons and the greatest nobility of the Kingdom often place their children in these Inns of Court, not so much to make the laws their study, much less to live by their profession, having large patrimonies of their own, but to form their manners.' In the Registers of these Inns we consequently find information which elsewhere we seek in vain, relating to families and individuals in every portion of the realm; the fact, moreover, that this information is contained in a legal register, invests it with an authority superior to that of the treasured Heralds' Visitations, while it enjoys with them the advantage of dealing with the aristocratic classes. For to quote from Ferne's *Glory of Generosity* (London, 1586):—'Nobleness of blood, joyned with virtue, compteth the person as most meet to the enterprizing of any public service; and for that cause it was, not for nought, that our ancient Governors in this land, did with a special foresight

and Wisdom provide that none should be admitted into the Houses of Court, being Seminaries, sending forth men apt to the Government of Justice, except he were a gentleman of blood."

The Register of Gray's Inn which Mr. Foster has selected for publication, at this time, is one of the most valuable registers of the several Inns of Court, and the editor has brought it out in a volume in every way worthy of its merits. Every precaution has been used to make the transcript an exact copy of the original. The Marriages at Gray's Inn Chapel from 1695 to 1754 have been added. These Mr. Foster has arranged alphabetically. The Register of Admissions is printed in chronological order, but a thorough index is given.

Mr. Foster has rendered an important service to antiquarian and historical students, and we hope that he will meet with sufficient encouragement to induce him to give us the registers of other Inns in an equally acceptable style.

*Illustrations of Old Ipswich, with Architectural Description of each subject and such Historical Notices as illustrate the Manners and Customs of previous ages in the Old Borough, helping to form unpublished chapters in its history.* By JOHN GLYDE. Ipswich: Published by John Glyde. 1889. Imperial 4to., pp. 84. Half morocco, gilt, cloth sides, gilt top; Price £2. 2s. Five copies, small folio, with proof impressions of the plates; Price £4. 4s.

This elaborate volume contains much historical matter and twelve beautiful illustrations of ancient land-marks in Old Ipswich. Nearly if not all of these quaint bridges and buildings have now been destroyed, but within a hundred years some of them were still in use, and most of them in existence. The Town Hall, the Quay and Custom House, the Market Cross, the Shambles, and the old mansion known as Sparrowe's House, of which latter we have an interior view as well as from the street, are all exceedingly interesting. The history of Old Ipswich reaches back into the Saxon period, perhaps to the Roman, and has contributed its share to the history of Old England. King John began the gates and walls in 1203, and these were relied upon for defence as late as the time of the Great Rebellion. In a brief notice we cannot do justice to this admirable work, but feel confident that whoever examines this volume, if possessed of any appreciation of the past, will realize how important is the contribution made by Mr. Glyde to local and national history.

By George Kuhn Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.

*Washington adapted for a Crisis; an address before the Minnesota Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, State Capitol, St. Paul, February 22, 1889.* By EDWARD D. NEILL, D.D., Late Chaplain First Minnesota Infantry, U. S. Vols. St. Paul, Minn.: The Pioneer Press Company. 1889. 8vo. pp. 21.

*Macalester College Contributions. Department of History, Literature and Political Science, Number One. Virginia Governors under the London Company.* By EDWARD D. NEILL. St. Paul, Minn.: The Pioneer Press Company. 1889. 8vo. pp. 35.

— *Number Three. The Beginning of Organized Society in the Saint Croix Valley, Minnesota.* By EDWARD D. NEILL, D.D. St. Paul, Minn.: The Pioneer Press Company. 1890. 8vo. 18 pages.

Dr. Neill's address to the Minnesota Commandery of the Loyal Legion is an able and timely performance. In it he presents the character of Washington as an example for later days.

The new serial which Dr. Neill has commenced, "Macalester College Contributions," promises to be a very useful one, as the titles of the different numbers will show.

*The First Folio of the Cambridge Press. Memoranda concerning the Massachusetts Laws of 1648.* By GEORGE H. MOORE, LL.D., Superintendent of the Lenox Library. Codex valde defensus. New York: Printed for the Author. 1889. 8vo. pp. 16.

Dr. Moore has long been an authority on the Laws of the Colony of Massachusetts, having spent much time in the study of their history. In the *Historical Magazine* for February, 1868, will be found an article by him on "The Massachusetts Laws of 1648," in which among other matters he showed that

Joseph Hills of Malden was the person to whom was entrusted the carrying of these Laws through the press.

The author in this tract furnishes much new matter about the history of this book, of which not a single copy has been found though it has been sought for for three quarters of a century. The good fortune of Dr. Moore has enabled him to find in a book by Rev. Thomas Thorowgood, published in 1650, entitled "Jewes in America," not only the title, "Booke of the Lawes and Liberties concerning the Inhabitants of Massachusetts," but numerous extracts from the laws themselves. Is it too much to hope that Dr. Moore's persistent efforts may ultimately be rewarded by finding a copy of the book itself?

*The Scotch-Irish in America. Proceedings of the Scotch-Irish Congress at Columbia, Tennessee, May 8-11, 1889.* Published by Order of the Scotch-Irish Society of America. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1889. 8vo. pp. 210. Price \$1.50 in cloth, or \$1.00 in paper.

In 1858, the Hon. William Willis, LL.D., contributed to the REGISTER an article on the McKinstry family, to which he prefixed a "Preliminary Essay on the Scotch-Irish Immigrations to America." This we think was the first essay on the general subject. Mr. Parker had, in 1851, in his History of Londonderry, N. H., treated of the emigration which led to the settlement of that town. Since then much has been printed and written about the Scotch-Irish in this country.

The book before us is claimed to be "the first distinctive work on this great race in America." It contains an account of the proceedings at the Congress at Columbia, with the addresses and historical papers in full. "This volume is the auspicious beginning as an organized effort to give the race its merited prominence in history, and as such is attracting wide spread attention."

*An Essay on the Autographic Collections of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence and of the Constitution.* From Vol. Xth, Wisconsin Historical Society's Collections, Revised and Enlarged. By LYMAN C. DRAPER, LL.D. New York: Burns & Son, Publishers, 744 Broadway. 1889. Sm. 4to. pp. 117.

The present volume is the result of Mr. Draper's experience, during many years, in making for the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, a collection of the autographs of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence and of the Constitution. In making his report to the Society on its set of these autographs and the difficulties that had been encountered in completing the series, Dr. Draper deemed it appropriate to "introduce the subject with some account of the slow but steady growth in this country of this beautiful and inspiring employment; and to note, moreover, other collections extant, complete and incomplete, exhibiting the great labor of bringing them together, and instituting, to some extent, a just comparison of their relative strength, historic importance and intrinsic value."

Dr. Draper gives a list of twenty-two complete sets of the Signers of the Declaration and nineteen of the Signers of the Constitution. He also gives much information concerning autographs and autograph collectors. The book will be found quite interesting. A portrait of the author embellishes the volume.

*Notes on Book-Plates (ex-libris), with Special Reference to Lancashire and Cheshire Examples and a Proposed Nomenclature for the Shapes of Shields.* A paper read before the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, 18th October, 1888. By J. PAUL RYLANDS, F.S.A., of the Middle Temple, Barrister at Law. Printed for Private Circulation. 1889. 8vo. pp. 76.

The paper of Mr. Rylands contains much interesting information on English book-plates, and particularly those of Lancashire and Cheshire. The devices are often quaint and curious. Some of the specimens most deserving of notice are reproduced in facsimile. The history of these plates is also interesting.

The author's nomenclature for the shape of shields is deserving of particular notice, as it clearly distinguishes the different shapes.

"The collecting of book-plates, or, as they are more expressively termed by the French, *ex-libris*," says Mr. Rylands, "is a pursuit of modern growth; and when I began to form my collection, twenty years ago, the names of English collectors might almost have been counted on one's fingers. Of late years, however, the number of collectors has greatly increased, and the prices which are charged by the dealers have been comparatively advanced."

*Early Voyages to America.* Paper read before the Rhode Island Historical Society. By JAMES PHINNEY BAXTER, A.M. Providence: Printed for the Society. 1889. 8vo. pp. 49.

*Collections of the Old Colony Historical Society, No. 4. Early Voyages to America, by James Phinney Baxter, A.M., and other Historical Papers read before the Society.* Published by the Old Colony Historical Society. Press of C. H. Buffington, Taunton, Mass. 1889. 8vo. pp. 108.

The first pamphlet, Mr. Baxter's paper on *Early Voyages to America*, read before the Rhode Island Historical Society, March 6, 1888, is a very interesting one. It relates to the Voyages of the Northmen to these shores. He thinks that they visited New England, though he discards the Old Tower at Newport and the Dighton rock as the work of their hands. This we think is the opinion of the present members of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries.

The next pamphlet is No. 4 of the *Collections of the Old Colony Historical Society*. The first paper is Mr. Baxter's on *Early Voyages to America*, which was read before this Society, April 10, 1888, a month after the author had read it to the Rhode Island Historical Society. There are also papers entitled, *Reminiscences of the Ancient Iron Works and Leonard Mansions of Taunton*, by Elisha Clark Leonard; *Indian Massacres at Taunton*, by Gen. Ebenezer W. Peirce; *Reminiscences of Shays's Rebellion*, by Capt. John W. D. Hall; *King Philip's Grant to James Leonard*, by E. C. Leonard; *Dighton Writing Rock and Deed*, by Capt. J. W. D. Hall; *Obituary Record of the Society*, and other matters. All the papers are valuable. The paper by Mr. Leonard on the Taunton Iron Works and Leonard Mansions corrects many errors in previous histories about the Leonard mansions. Mr. Leonard discovered evidence a few years ago that a building then standing (but since taken down) was the original mansion of the Leonards, and that the house of which a view is given in Barber's *Historical Collections of Massachusetts* was not built till after Philip's War, and so could not have been the scene of Dr. Fobes's "graphic descriptions of the horrors" of that war, 1675-6. Views of both houses are given in Mr. Leonard's paper.

*Groton Historical Series; A Collection of Papers relating to the History of the Town of Groton, Massachusetts.* By SAMUEL ABBOTT GREEN, M.D. Groton. 1890. 8vo. pp. viii.+471. Edition, 125 copies. Price \$5. For sale by George E. Littlefield, 67 Cornhill, Boston, Mass.

Dr. Green, for many years, has been doing much for his native town, and proposes to do still more in the way of preserving and publishing "every thing of an appropriate character, within his reach, which may interest and instruct the residents" of Groton, "or be of value to students of local history." The field, it is true, is an extensive one, but the Doctor is a good reaper, and has an intense love for his work. Commendable industry and good judgment are shown in bringing together so much here, as elsewhere, that is decidedly interesting and historically useful to the public in general, as well as to the inhabitants of his birth-place.

A notice of the first volume of the series, consisting of twenty numbers, appeared in the REGISTER for October, 1887, with a list of contents, and a mention of several historical monographs previously published by Dr. Green.

The contents of the sixteen numbers of this second series, which completes the work to January, 1890, are three-fold and more in number than that of the first series, and is supplemented with indexes "to the various headings," in both volumes,

By William B. Trask, A.M., of Dorchester, Mass.

*The Op Dyck Genealogy, containiny the Opdyck, Opdycke, Opdyke, Updike American Descendants of the Wesel and Holland Families.* By CHARLES WILSON OPDYKE. *With an Investigation into their Op Den Dyck Ancestors in Europe.* By LEONARD ECKSTEIN OPDYCKE. Printed for Charles W. Opdyke, Leonard E. Opdycke and William S. Opdyke of New York, 1889, by Weed, Parsons & Co., Albany, N. Y. Royal 8vo. pp. 499. To be obtained of C. W. Opdyke, 20 Nassau St., New York City.

*The Driver Family: a Genealogical Memoir of the Descendants of Robert and Phebe Driver of Lynn, Mass. With an Appendix containing Twenty-Three Allied Families, 1592-1887.* Compiled by a Descendant, HARRIET RUTH (WATERS) COOKE. New York: Printed for the Author. 1889. 8vo. pp. xxv

- +531. Price \$3. To be purchased of William Waters, 101 Fulton Street, or of the Compiler, Mrs. Cooke, 48 East 57th Street, New York City.
- History of the Descendants of John Whitman of Weymouth, Mass.* By CHARLES W. FARNHAM, A.M. New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, Printers. 1889. 8vo. pp. xv.+1246. Price \$5, to be obtained of the author, New Haven, Conn.
- The Biennial Reunion of the Keyser Family, 1688-1888. The Keyser Family Descendants of Dirck Keyser of Amsterdam.* Compiled by CHARLES S. KEYSER, Philadelphia. 1889. Super Royal, 8vo. pp. 161.
- Sketch of the Dabneys of Virginia, with some of their Family Records.* Collected and Arranged by WILLIAM H. DABNEY of Boston. Chicago: Press of S. D. Childs & Co. 1888. Royal 8vo. pp. 197+9.
- Genealogy of Descendants of Thomas Hale of Watton, England, and Newbury, Mass.* By the late ROBERT SAFFORD HALE, LL.D. With additions by other Members of the Family. Edited by George R. Howell, M.A. Albany, N. Y.: Weed, Parsons & Company, Printers. 1889. 8vo. pp. xii.+415.
- Filial Tribute to the Memory of Rev. John Moffat Howe, M.D.* 1889. 8vo. pp. 254.
- A Complete History and Genealogy of the Littlehale Family in America from 1633 to 1889.* Collated and Compiled by FREDERICK H. LITTLEHALE of Boston, Mass. Boston, Mass.: Published by A. W. & F. H. Littlehale. David Clapp & Son, Printers. 1889. 8vo. pp. vi.+128.
- The Family of John Perkins of Ipswich, Mass. Part III. Descendants of Sergeant Jacob Perkins.* By GEORGE A. PERKINS, M.D., Member New England Historic Genealogical Society. Salem: Printed for the Author. 8vo. pp. 173.
- A Genealogy of the Descendants of James Dean, one of the First Settlers of Oakham, Mass.* By GARDNER MILTON DEAN. Boston: Press of T. W. Ripley. 1889. Super Royal, 8vo. pp. 19.
- Memorials of the Family of Morse.* Compiled from the Original Records for the Hon. Asa Porter Morse, by HENRY DUTCH LORD. For Private Distribution Only. Boston: Printed for the Compiler, by E. P. Whitcomb. 1889. 8vo. pp. 116.
- Genealogy of the Farnham Family.* By Rev. J. M. W. FARNHAM, D.D., Author of "Homeward" &c. Second Edition, with Supplement. New York: The Baker & Taylor Co. 1889. 12mo. pp. 50.
- Genealogy of the Family of Harvey of Folkstone, co. Kent; London; Hackney and Twickenham, co. Middlesex; Croyden, Putnam and Kingston, co. Surrey; Hempstead, Chigwell and Barking, co. Essex; Clifton and Wike, co. Dorset, etc.* Compiled from Original Sources, with Notes by WILLIAM J. HARVEY, Esq., F.S.A. Scot., Member of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, etc. etc. London: Mitchell & Hughes, 140 Wardour Street, W. 1889. 4to. pp. 18.
- A Genealogy of Some of the Descendants of William Sawyer of Newbury, Mass., embracing Ten Generations and one Hundred and Seven Families.* By NATHANIEL SAWYER of Cincinnati, Ohio, and JOSEPH BURBEEN WALKER of Concord, N. H. Manchester, N. H.: Printed by William H. Moore. 1889. 8vo. pp. 47+xii.
- Genealogy of the Emery Family. Four Generations.* By RUFUS EMERY. Emery Cleaves, Salem, Mass. 8vo. pp. 22.
- The Ancestors of Silas Tinker in America from 1637. A Partial Record,* prepared by A. B. TINKER of Akron, and read at the annual reunion of the Descendants of Silas Tinker at Ashtabula, Ohio, August 15, 1889. The Werner Printing & Lithog. Co., Akron, Ohio. 8vo. pp. 11.
- The Groves and Lappan (Monaghan County, Ireland). An account of a Pilgrimage thither in search of the Genealogy of the Williams Family.* By JOHN FLETCHER WILLIAMS, secretary of the Minnesota Historical Society. Privately Printed for the Family. St. Paul. 1889. 8vo. pp. 68.
- The Ancestry of Edward Rawson, Secretary of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay. With some Account of his Life in Old and New England.* By ELLERY BICKNELL CRANE. Worcester, Mass.; Private Press of Franklin P. Rice. 1887. 8vo. pp. 54.
- The Franklin Ancestry and Descendants in the Col. Lewis Bache (1779) Line to 1889. Interspersed with Historico-Genealogical Events.* An Appendix added. 8vo. pp. 8. 1889.
- Genealogy of Richard Baker, born in England, died in Dorchester, Mass., October*

25, 1689. Compiled by EDMUND J. BAKER, President of the Dorchester Antiquarian and Historical Society. Boston: David Clapp & Son. 1889. 8vo. pp. 40.

*An Examination of the English Ancestry of George Washington, setting forth the Evidence to connect him with the Washingtons of Sulgrave and Brington,* By HENRY F. WATERS, A.M. Boston: Printed for the New England Historical Genealogical Society. 1889. 8vo. pp. 53. Price 50 cts.

*Some of the Descendants of Philip Towle of Hampton, N. H.* By Mrs. A. E. T. LINDSAY of Tenafly, N. J. 8vo. pp. 8.

*Extracts from English Parish Registers relating to King and Haines Families.* By RUFUS KING. 8vo. pp. 4. 1889.

We continue our quarterly notices of genealogical publications.

The first book on our list is the op Dyck Genealogy, containing an extensive record of the American families of Opdyck, Opdycke, Opdyke and Updike, with an account of their European ancestry. The name is found as early as the thirteenth century, and many interesting facts relative to those who bore it have been collected. The book is one that the compilers and the family may well be proud of. It plainly shows that great labor has been bestowed in collecting the materials and much judgment in their arrangement. The illustrations of the book deserve a particular notice. The facsimiles of historical documents connected with the family are both curious and valuable. There are also views of places and buildings in Europe and this country, and numerous portraits. The book is handsomely printed and is well indexed.

The next book devoted to the "Times and Generations of the Driver Family" is a highly interesting work. As half of the volume is devoted to other families which are allied with the Drivers, it will interest a vast number of persons, and in widely scattered parts of our country. Mrs. Cooke has been indefatigable in collecting materials for her book; and her arrangement of the matter is both judicious and clear. The names of many eminent persons who are descended from the Driver family or from families allied to it, are found in this book. The work is a storehouse of information on New England genealogy. The book is interesting and valuable to English persons of the name as well as to Americans. It should be in every public library. The book is handsomely printed and bound.

The Whitman genealogy is a bulky volume of over 1250 octavo pages. The authors seem to have been very successful in tracing the descendants of John Whitman, an early settler of Weymouth, Massachusetts. The only genealogy of this family before this was the thin octavo of forty-four pages, by Judge Whitman, published in 1832. A glance at this volume will show the vast additions made by the present compiler. The indexes are very full and fill 184 pages. The book is well printed and bound.

The volume on the Keyser Family contains a full report of the proceedings at the bi-centennial reunion of that family at Germantown, Pa., October 10, 1888, to which is added a genealogy of the family. Divck Keyser of Amsterdam, the progenitor, settled at Germantown in 1688. The addresses and papers read at the reunion are of high merit, and are illustrated by portraits and other engravings. The book makes an elegant volume.

The volume on the Dabneys relates to the Virginia family of that name. The author, Mr. William H. Dabney, of Boston, died Feb. 16, 1888, in his seventy-first year, while he was giving this book a final revision before placing it in the hands of the printer. Mr. Dabney states that before preparing this record of the Virginia family he had compiled a genealogy of the Massachusetts Dabneys, from which he himself was descended. This we presume has never been printed. The Virginia Dabneys are traced to two Huguenot brothers, John and Cornelius d'Aubigné or D'Aubigny, who settled in Virginia early in the last century. The Massachusetts Dabneys are descended from Robert D'Aubigné or Dabney, who settled at Boston about the same time that the Virginia immigrants, supposed to be brothers of Robert, settled there. The book is well compiled and handsomely printed. A memoir of the author by his daughter and a portrait of him are prefixed to the volume.

The Hon. Robert S. Hale, LL.D., of Elizabethtown, N. Y., who died Dec. 14, 1881, had been engaged for several years in preparing a genealogy of the Hale family. In January, 1877, he published in the REGISTER (vol. 31, pp. 83-99) an article entitled "Thomas Hale, the Glover, of Newbury, Mass., 1636, and his Descendants." A second article by him on "Thomas Hale" appeared in the October REGISTER, a few months before his death, giving the result of researches in England. The book has

been edited by George R. Howell, A.M., of the State library, Albany, who has performed his duty ably and thoroughly. Mr. Howell states that, "As the manuscripts of Mr. Hale were found to contain a vast amount of information outside of a mere genealogical record, it was deemed best to give to the world the total results of his labors, and in the form he left them." The book is well arranged and makes a handsome volume.

The Howe book is a memorial of the Rev. John Moffat Howe, M.D., who died at Passaic, N. J., Feb. 5, 1885, in his eightieth year, written by his brother-in-law, Rev. John M. Reid, D.D. Incorporated with it are some interesting genealogical and historical facts collected by George R. Howe of Newark, N. J., a son of the late Rev. Dr. Howe.

The next book, that on the Littlehale family, is devoted to the descendants of Richard Littlehale, an early settler of Newbury and Haverhill, Mass. The author has been very successful in tracing the descendants of his emigrant ancestor, and he expresses the belief that there are no Littlehales in this country whose records are not contained in this book. The chances are that though others will be found, very few have escaped the persistent research of Mr. Littlehale. The book is well compiled, handsomely printed and well indexed. Portraits and other illustrations embellish the volume.

The book on the Perkins family is the third and concluding part of Dr. George A. Perkins's work on "The Family of John Perkins of Ipswich." The first part, devoted to the descendants of Quarter Master John Perkins, the eldest son, was published in 1882, and was noticed in this periodical for October, 1884; the second part, containing the descendants of Thomas Perkins, published in 1887, was noticed by us in April, 1887. The present volume is devoted to the descendants of the youngest son, Jacob. Like the preceding parts, this is deserving of much praise for the thorough manner in which it is compiled. It has a good index.

The next volume is devoted to the descendants of James Dean, who settled at Oakham, Mass., in the middle of the last century. Genealogies of the early generations of several families by the name of Dean have been printed in the REGISTER, but no connection is made with any of these. The book is well arranged and handsomely printed.

The book on the Morse family is by Mr. Henry Dutch Lord of Boston, an experienced and faithful genealogist. He has compiled this work for the Hon. Asa P. Morse of Cambridgeport, a descendant of Anthony Morse an early settler of Newbury, Mass. A genealogy of Anthony's descendants, the line of Mr. Morse, is given. Notices of other emigrants by the name of Morse and their families are given. The book is well printed.

The Farnham book is a second edition of the work on that family, published in 1886, and noticed by us in January, 1887. The author is a resident of Shanghai, China, where he has long been a missionary. Notwithstanding the author's residence in a distant land from the people whose record he gives, he has compiled a very satisfactory work. He dedicates it to our Society. It makes a handsome volume.

The Harvey family, to which the next work is devoted, is descended from Thomas Harvey of Folkestone, co. Kent, who was Mayor of that town in 1600. Very full and interesting details of his descendants have been obtained, which are given us in the form of tabular pedigrees. An appendix of notes supplies information which could not be conveniently given in the pedigree. Numerous facsimiles illustrate the work. Only fifty copies have been printed, for private circulation.

The earlier portion of the Sawyer genealogy was prepared by the late Hon. Nathaniel Sawyer a few years before his death in 1863. Mr. Walker of Concord, N. H., has completed the work and carried it through the press. An article by Wm. S. Appleton, A.M., giving the early generations of this family, was printed in the REGISTER for April, 1874.

The Emery pamphlet traces four generations of descendants of the brothers, John Emery of Newbury, Mass., and Anthony Emery of Kittery, Maine. This useful work was prepared under the direction of the genealogical committee of the Emery Association, of which Rev. Rufus Emery of Newburgh, N. Y., is chairman.

The Tinker pamphlet is devoted to the ancestor of Silas Tinker, who was of the 5th generation in descent from Mr. John Tinker, who came to New England in the seventeenth century and settled at Boston, whence he removed to Lancaster, Mass., and finally to New London, Ct. He died in October, 1662. The record of his descendants in one line to Silas Tinker is quite full. Silas was born at Lyme, Ct., and settled at Kingsville, Ohio, where he died in 1840, in his ninety-second year.

The Williams pamphlet gives an account of a pilgrimage by John F. Williams,

the able secretary of the Minnesota Historical Society, to the Groves, Monaghan County, Ireland, the seat of his ancestor John Williams, a native of Glamorganshire, Wales. Interesting descriptions, illustrated by engravings, are given. Appended is a genealogy of the descendants of this John Williams, who was born about 1600. William Williams of the fifth generation emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1784. The book will interest the general reader as well as the genealogist.

The pamphlet on the Ancestry of Edward Rawson will interest the many persons who trace their pedigree to the famous secretary of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay. In the REGISTER for July, 1884, Mr. Waters has printed many Gleanings concerning the families of Edward Rawson and his uncle Rev. John Wilson. Mr. Crane has instituted other researches in England, and in the work before us gives us much valuable information about the English Rawsons. Pedigrees tracing the name back to Robert Rawson of Freystone, Yorkshire, living in 1377, are given. The ancestry of Secretary Rawson can only be traced to his grandfather Edward of Colnbrook, Bucks. We hope that Mr. Crane will continue his praiseworthy researches till he discovers the connecting link.

The Franklin pamphlet is by Mr. William Bache of Bristol, Pa., who communicated to the REGISTER for January, 1867 (pp. 17-20), a valuable article on the Franklin family. The present work is quite interesting and valuable.

The Baker pamphlet is a reprint from the REGISTER for July last, with the genealogy continued to the present time. It has also valuable historical and genealogical appendices. It is well prepared and well printed.

The pamphlet on "The Ancestry of Washington" is a reprint from Mr. Waters's Gleanings in the REGISTER for October last. The present (January) number contains some new Washington matter.

The Towle pamphlet and that on the King and Haines families are also reprints from the REGISTER.

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

PRESENTED TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TO DEC. 1889

Prepared by Mr. THOMAS F. MILLETT, Assistant Librarian.

### *I. Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.*

Genealogy of descendants of Thomas Hale of Watton, England, and of Newbury, Mass. By the late Robert Safford Hale, LL.D., with additions by other members of the family. Edited by George R. Howell, M.A. Albany, N. Y.: Weed, Parsons & Co., printers. 1889. 8vo. pp. 416.

Ancestry of Edward Rawson, Secretary of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, with some Account of His Life in Old and New England. By Ellery Bicknell Crane. Worcester, Mass.: Press of Franklin P. Rice. 1887.

Genealogy of Richard Baker, born in England; died in Dorchester, Mass., October 25, 1689. Compiled by Edmund J. Baker. Boston: David Clapp & Son, Printers, 116 High Street. 1889. 8vo. pp. 40.

The Groves, and Lappan, Monaghan County, Ireland. An account of a pilgrimage thither in search of the Genealogy of the Williams Family. By John Fletcher Williams. Privately printed, Saint Paul, Minn. 1889. 8vo. pp. 68.

The Franklin Ancestry and Descendants in the Colonel Louis Bache (1779) Line to 1889. Interspersed with Historico-Genealogical Events, and Appendix added. 1889. 8vo. pp. 8. By William Bache.

Groton Historical Series, Vol. II., Nos. 14, 15, and 16. Dr. S. A. Green, Editor, Groton, Mass. 1889. 8vo.

Documentary History of the State of Maine, Vol. IV. Containing The Baxter Manuscripts. Edited by James Phinney Baxter, A.M. Published by the Maine Historical Society, aided by appropriations from the State. Portland: Brown, Thurston & Co. 1889. 8vo. pp. 606.

Capt. Francis Champenowne, The Dutch Conquest of Acadie and other Historical Papers. By Charles Wesley Tuttle, Esq., Ph.D. Edited by Albert Harrison Hoyt, A.M., with Historical Notes. With a Memoir of the Author by John Ward Dean, A.M. Boston: Printed by John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1889. Crown 4to. pp. 426.



The Family of John Perkins of Ipswich, Mass. Part III. Descendants of Sergeant Jacob Perkins. By Geo. A. Perkins, M.D. Salem: Salem Press Publishing & Printing Co. 1889. 8vo. pp. 173.

1640-1889. A Genealogy of Some of the Descendants of William Sawyer of Newbury, Mass. Embracing ten generations and one hundred and seven families. By Nathaniel Sawyer of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Joseph Burbeen Walker of Concord, N. H. Manchester, N. H.: Printed by William E. Moore. 1889. 8vo. pp. 69.

Memoranda concerning the Massachusetts Laws of 1648. By George H. Moore, LL.D., Superintendent of the Lenox Library. New York: Printed for the Author. 1889. 8vo. pp. 16.

Memoir of John C. Phillips. By Rev. Edward G. Porter; with the remarks of Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, and other tributes. Privately printed. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1888. 8vo. pp. 12.

Biographical Sketch of General Charles W. Darling, from *Encyclopædia of Contemporary Biography of New York*. Vol. VI. Atlantic Publishing and Engraving Co., New York. 1890. Crown 4to. pp. 6.

An Examination of the English Ancestry of George Washington. Setting forth the evidence to connect him with the Washingtons of Sulgrave and Brington. By Henry F. Waters, A.M. Reprinted from the *N. E. Historic and Genealogical Register* for October, 1889. Boston: Printed for the New England Historic Genealogical Society. 1889. 8vo. pp. 53.

The Ordinance of 1787. By Frederick D. Stone, Librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia. 1889. 8vo. pp. 34.

## II. Other Publications.

Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society. 1887-1889. Second Series, Vol. IV. Boston: Published by the Society. 8vo. pp. 461.

Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society at the Semi-Annual Meeting held in Boston, April 24, 1889. Vol. VI. New Series, Part I. Worcester, Mass.: Press of Charles Hamilton, 311 Main St. 1889. 8vo. pp. 90.

Essex Institute Historical Collections, April, May and June, 1888. Vol. XXV. Salem, Mass.: Printed for the Essex Institute. 1889. 8vo. pp. 164.

A Tribute to the Memory of Charles Deane, by the Massachusetts Historical Society, at a special Meeting, Dec. 3, 1889. Boston: Published by the Society. 1889. 8vo. pp. 31.

Contributions of the Old Residents Historical Association, Lowell, Mass. Vol. IV. No. 2. Published by the Association, August, 1889. Lowell, Mass.: Morning Mail Print, No. 18 Jackson St. 1889. 8vo. pp. 191.

Letters by Josiah Bartlett, William Whipple, and others. Written before and during the Revolution. Philadelphia: Press of Henry B. Ashmead. 1889. 8vo. pp. 71.

York Deeds, Books V. and VI. Edited by William M. Sargent, A.M. Portland: Brown, Thurston & Co. 1889. 8vo. pp. 130.

The History of a Rare Washington Print. A paper read before the Historical Society of Pennsylvania May 6, 1889. By William S. Baker. Philadelphia. 1889. 8vo. pp. 10.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### HISTORICAL INTELLIGENCE.

**BRITISH RECORD SOCIETY.**—The "Index Library," which has now been published monthly for two years, "was projected for the purpose of printing Indexes and Calendars to such Records as are of value and utility to the historian, the genealogist and topographer." This periodical publication has met with such general approval, that on the 28th of November last *The British Record Society* was instituted for "printing Indexes, Calendars and Records, illustrative of the Genealogy and Topography of Great Britain as hitherto issued in the Index Library." The society was organized by the choice of a council of ten members and other officers. A full board will be chosen at the first general meeting of the society, which we hope to give in the next number of the *REGISTER*, with full details of the society's objects. The chairman of the council is

C. I. Elton, Q.C., M.P., F.S.A.; and among the members are G. E. Cokayne, M.A., F.S.A., Norroy King of Arms; Mr. Phillimore, the editor of the Index Library; J. C. Challoner Smith, Esq., superintendent of the Literary Department Probate Registry at Somerset House; and Henry F. Waters, A.M. Application for membership should be addressed to W. P. W. Phillimore, M.A., B.C.L., honorary secretary, 124 Chancery Lane, London, W. C., who is also the general editor. The annual dues are one guinea a year, payable in January. An entrance fee of half a guinea will be required of members who join after April 1, 1890. The works of the society are to be issued in parts, not less than four a year. We hope that many applications for membership in this useful society will be received from our own country.

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NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY'S MONEY ACCOUNTS 1653-1664, OLD MS.—In one of my old note books taken some time in 1873 or 1874, I find the following entry which may be serviceable to some historian. It is entered as from, "Gloucester [New Jersey] Records, Liber G, No. 1," which are in the Secretary of State's Office at Trenton, N. J. "On a few reversed pages in the back of this volume are the money accounts of the New England Society from 1653 to 1664. *Interesting.*" I personally examined these records at the date above and made the foregoing notes.

Camden, New Jersey.

WILLIAM JOHN POTTS.

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THE DEDHAM HISTORICAL REGISTER.—Under this title the Dedham Historical Society propose publishing a quarterly periodical. "The object of the publication," the prospectus states, "will be to preserve in a permanent form all manuscript papers of an historical character, and to encourage a taste for the study of local history. It will aim to present the phases of social life within the original township of Dedham since its settlement, and the relation of the town to the history of the times." The Register will contain various matters relating to the town, such as:—Proceedings of the Dedham Historical Society and its work. History, growth and progress of Dedham. Prize essays of graduating classes of High School. Biographical sketches and Bibliography. Genealogies, diaries and family papers. Anecdotes and reminiscences of life in Dedham. Church and town records within Ancient Dedham. These papers will be illustrated from time to time. The first number will be issued this month, and the price of the quarterly will be one dollar per year. It is intended to be a repository of all matters relating to Dedham, and indirectly Norfolk County. Julius H. Tuttle is the editor, and M. G. Boyd, Dedham, the business manager.

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EARLY MARYLAND SETTLERS.—William Francis Cregar, Esq., of Annapolis, Md., has devoted much time during the last two years to the preparation of a list of the persons who arrived in Maryland between the years 1634 and 1688. He has a complete alphabetical list of the arrivals in that colony during that period, numbering about eighteen thousand names, gleaned from the demands for land recorded in the Provincial Land Records. He has also a series of alphabetical abstracts of all the depositions and pedigrees recorded in the Maryland Chancery Proceedings, between the years 1668 and 1790. He is now engaged in preparing a genealogical and historical index to the text of a series of forty volumes, containing a record of all the wills proved in the various counties of Maryland between the years 1634 and 1777. We hope that this work will be printed.

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PHILLIPS ACADEMY, ANDOVER, MASS.—Work on the General Catalogue, so long delayed, has been resumed, and the first edition, covering the period from 1778 to 1880, will be issued in February next. Information is solicited from the pupils themselves, or their friends, including especially notices of changed address or of recent deaths.

In preparation for the complete Catalogue, all later students are also requested to communicate with the Committee, giving date of their connection with the school and full facts as to subsequent education and occupation, with any degrees received or offices held; correspondence to be addressed to

Andover, Mass.

Rev. C. C. CARPENTER.

**TUTTLE'S HISTORICAL PAPERS.**—A volume entitled Capt. Francis Champernowne, the Dutch Conquest of Acadie, and other historical papers, by Charles Wesley Tuttle, Esq., Ph.D., edited by Albert Harrison Hoyt, A.M., with historical notes, and a memoir of the author by John Ward Dean, A.M., has just been published. Pursuant to the will of Mrs. Mary Louisa Tuttle, a selection of Mr. Tuttle's historical papers has been edited for the press. Besides the memoir of Mr. Tuttle by Mr. Dean, and a sketch of the life of his widow by Mrs. Harriet Prescott Spofford, the volume comprises a number of papers on historical subjects.

The beautiful volume is illustrated with a portrait of Mr. Tuttle; views in England and this country; a map, and *fac-similes*.

The edition is limited to three hundred copies. The volume, including the index, comprises 442 pages, small 4to., printed on superior paper, uncut, and bound in muslin. Price \$4.00. For sale by Damrell & Upham, 238 Washington Street, Boston, Mass. A full notice is promised us for the April REGISTER.

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**LIFE AND TIMES OF EPHRAIM CUTLER.**—Messrs. Robert Clarke & Co., Cincinnati, O., have in press a volume with this title. It is prepared from Mr. Cutler's journals and correspondence by his daughter, Julia P. Cutler. Ephraim Cutler was the eldest son of Rev. Manasseh Cutler and born in 1767 in Connecticut, went to Ohio in 1795 and died in that state in 1853. He contributed to the REGISTER an article on "New England and the West," which was printed in vol. vii., pp. 297-300. The work will make an octavo of over 300 pages, uniform with the Life, etc., of Rev. Manasseh Cutler. Price \$2.50. A limited edition is printed.

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**HISTORY OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE AND THE TOWN OF HANOVER, N. H.**—Frederick Chase of Hanover, N. H., has in preparation a book by this title. It will be published in two volumes. The first, covering the period prior to 1815, will contain upwards of 600 pages with an index. The price will be \$3.50 a volume. Subscriptions should be sent in early.

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**AMERICANS OF ROYAL DESCENT.**—Charles H. Browning, Esq., of Ardmore, Penn., is revising, with the intention of republishing, his collection of genealogies, entitled "Americans of Royal Descent," and would like corrections and additions to his book sent to him as soon as possible.

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**CONNECTICUT COLONIAL RECORDS.**—Charles J. Hoadly, A.M., the editor of these Records, has in press the fifteenth and concluding volume, covering the period from May, 1775, to October, 1776. It will be an interesting volume, and will probably be out in March next.

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**GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think may be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from college or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of birth, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

**Breck.**—Bvt. Brig. Gen. Samuel Breck, U.S.A., Adjutant General's office, War Department, Washington, D. C., has in preparation a genealogy of the Breck family. The book will be illustrated at an expense of five hundred dollars. Price \$5.00 a copy.

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**Hildreth.**—Henry O. Hildreth, Esq. (10 Remington St., Cambridge, Mass.), is preparing a history and genealogy of the Hildreth family, and will be grateful for contributions from those interested in the subject.

*Parker.*—John L. Parker, Esq., editor of the *Lynn Daily Item* and author of the History of the Twenty-second Massachusetts Regiment, has in preparation a genealogical and biographical history of Abraham Parker, of Woburn and Chelmsford, and his descendants from 1640 to 1889. He requests all persons interested to furnish materials or facts for use in the work as soon as possible. His address is Box 114, Lynn, Mass.

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*Capt. Francis Champernowne, the Dutch Conquest of Acadie, and other Historical Papers.* By CHARLES WESLEY TUTTLE, Esq., Ph.D. Edited by ALBERT HARRISON HOYT, A.M., with Historical Notes. With a Memoir of the Author by JOHN WARD DEAN, A.M. Boston: Printed by John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1889. Sm. 4to. pp. xvi.+426, including Index. For sale by Damrell & Upham, 283 Washington Street, Boston, Mass. Price \$4.

The Papers here collected are full of interest to the historical student, and shed a flood of light on the subjects to which they relate. Many of them have been printed before, but the Life of Champernowne, one of the early settlers in the Pascataqua, for which Mr. Tuttle had during many years made extensive researches, was not arranged in final shape at his death, and required the collaboration of the editor.

In tracing out the early history of New Hampshire the relation of Capt. Mason and Sir Ferdinando Gorges to its first settlement attracts attention. Capt. Champernowne was the nephew of Gorges and his representative in the Pascataqua for many years. The lives of Mason and Champernowne received from Mr. Tuttle a careful and exhaustive study. His life of Mason has already been printed by the Prince Society. This of Champernowne now completes the contribution.

Descended from some of those who grappled with the task of establishing the English-speaking race on these shores, Mr. Tuttle naturally took interest in the traditions of the neighborhood where his ancestors had lived. An article on "Hope Hood," an Indian chief who lived on the northern shore of Great Bay, and another on the reported Massacre at Fox Point, are republished. They show the acumen of his mind and the nice historical judgment which distinguished his work, and give the assurance that, could he have been spared a few more years to pursue these studies, the accuracy of his deductions would have thrown new and strong lights on many obscure or neglected parts of our early history.

The approach of the Second Centennial of the Provincial Charter of New Hampshire as a Royal Government, led the New Hampshire Historical Society to call on Mr. Tuttle for an address in 1880, which he delivered at Portsmouth, in

December of that year, to a refined and appreciating audience. This admirable sketch, and another embracing the period 1689-90, after the arrest of Gov. Andros at Boston, when New Hampshire was without a Provincial Government, are invaluable to the student and interesting to the general reader.

The conquest of Acadie by the Dutch in 1674 is an episode in the history of New England on which Mr. Tuttle has thrown a stronger light than any historian who has preceded him. The struggle, whether this should be New France or New England, began in and has made classic the region between the Kennebeck and the Penobscot, where the outgrowths of the Popham expeditions for settlement on one side, and that of DeMont's on the other, made head against each other. Gorges had followed up the amical relations which Capt. Popham in the Gift in 1607, and Capt. Gilbert in the Mary and John, had formed with the Bashabee of the Abnaki tribes at the beginning of the settlement at the mouth of the Kennebeck. Persevering when others grew weary and retired, Gorges had made a trading station at Pemaquid, the centre of the wonderful spring and winter fishery in that charmed quadrant included between Cape Newagen and Damarel's-cove Islands on the west, and Monhegan and St. Georges. Thither annually the Virginia and the English fishermen came in armed vessels, with crews of forty men to the vessel, forming, as their vessels yearly increased in numbers, a barrier against the westward progress of French settlements. The stand taken from 1607 to 1620 and onward by these men of Gorges on the mainland and the fishermen on the adjacent island, was the definite initial of the subsequent dominion of the English-speaking race in America. When they began there were no English settlers nearer than Virginia, but under the lee of these brave fishermen, holding the front with fifty or sixty armed ships, settlers did set down on the New-England coast, and colonies grew up, whose history we trace with filial pride.

There are mysteries in this old frontier region which to the historian are still inscrutable. Pemaquid, the focus of our strategy, the theatre of war and the seat of our frontier trade, with its perished villages and decayed forts, attracts attention but defies consecutive narrative. On the other side the Penobscot and the French Acadie have found numerous and bright annalists; but who before Mr. Tuttle ever summoned the Dutch conquest of the Penobscot and the Acadie from its forgotten grave to furnish another incident of that old "debatable ground"?

War broke out between Holland, on the one side, and England and France, on the other, in 1672. The Dutch were persevering, and in 1673 recaptured New York from the English and hoisted the Orange flag. A few months after this, England made peace and left France still at war. The gallant Captain Aernouts, of the Dutch frigate Flying Horse, distressed by inactivity as he lay at New York, counselled with one Capt. Rhoades, a mariner of Boston, and determined to capture Acadie from the French. With Rhoades as his pilot he ran down the coast and through the beautiful bay of the Penobscot, where, in August, he attacked and captured the fort at Pentagouet, and then sailed eastward to the St. John's, where he captured another fort and made another commander prisoner—reducing the whole coast between these points. He returned to Boston, showed his commission, ransomed his captives, sold his plunder, sent a few men back to hold his captured country, and sailed away. The fortunes of these men, their final capture by an armed ship from Boston, their trial for piracy, their able defence and the State Papers between Holland and Great Britain which these events gave rise to, and which are printed in the appendix to the volume, constitute a quaint, romantic and striking historical episode.

The volume contains a very interesting sketch of Christopher Kilby, whose memory is yet preserved in Boston by a street bearing his surname. There is also a sketch of Edward Randolph, which has been very ably completed by Col. Hoyt in an extended editorial note of some forty pages. As the Crown Collector of Customs at the time when Massachusetts had forfeited her original charter and become a royal province, his official prerogatives were irksome to the traders accustomed to the loose proceedings under the old charter. He also excited the indignation of the Orthodox Church, which feared lest a policy to establish Episcopacy and perhaps restrain their church, lurked under his official power, and personal predispositions. Under the attack of these combined influences, he became thoroughly hated in the colony. His zeal and ability in his office made him more distasteful. Randolph evidently was both able and intelligent,

and was more indebted to the unpopularity of his cause and duties than to any personal defect or miscarriage for the intense bitterness of the opposition which he encountered. The policy of the Crown Government did not retain the popularity which had welcomed the establishment of the provincial charter. The editor contributes much to the interest of the article by a full account of the libel suit which Randolph brought against the Rev. Increase Mather.

Another interesting Paper is that of Lord Percy, who commanded a regiment at Boston at the breaking out of the Revolution, including a succinct notice of the ancient family from which he sprung. In New Hampshire, the towns Northumberland and Percy had been named in provincial days in their honor. One of his ancestors also had been Lord High Admiral for America, with authority to hold Vice-Admiralty Courts. Though Lord Percy had not been favorable to American Independence, and had drawn his sword against us, yet by some strange sympathy a later untitled relative of his bequeathed his fortune to the United States to found an institution for the diffusion of knowledge, and the Smithsonian Institution rears its palatial towers and opens its vast treasuries of knowledge at the capital of the Union.

It may be observed that Mr. Tuttle devoted much time to the elucidation of the early history of New Hampshire and Maine, particularly of the region about the Piscataqua; his lives of Mason and of Champenowne include much that he had collected, but his note-books abound with notes on other marked men in the Piscataqua.

Mr. Tuttle was a careful student of the relations of Sir Ferdinando Gorges to the early history of New England, but, as he frequently informed the writer, he eagerly expected that the writings and papers of that pioneer of New England colonization would be discovered by the Record Commissioners in the muniment room of some old mansion of Devon or Somerset, and preferred to wait.

The materials for a great work on the early history of New England had accumulated around him, his judgment and power of analysis had reached a high standard, when he was snatched away. The particular studies of parts of his broad designs which, by the loving impulse of his wife, have been gathered into this volume, show the quality of the fruit a few years more of his ripe and candid intellect could have furnished his country, had fate assigned him a longer life.

Great credit is due to the editor, Mr. Hoyt, for the intelligent labor he has bestowed upon these Papers, and the elegant appearance of the book reflects credit on the editor's taste and on the liberality of the executor of the late Mrs. Tuttle's will—the Hon. John J. Currier—in carrying out her provision for this memorial to her deceased husband.

The accomplished pen of John Ward Dean, Esq., prefaces the work with a well considered and elaborated memoir of Mr. Tuttle. The book is illustrated with a portrait of the author, and some admirable heliotype pictures of scenes mentioned in the text, and the press-work altogether reflects credit on the University Press of Cambridge. A handsomer book of its style has rarely come from any press.

*By the Hon. Charles Levi Woodbury, of Boston.*

*A Complete History of the Boston Fire Department, including the Fire Alarm Service and the Protective Department, from 1630 to 1888. Arranged in three parts.* By ARTHUR WELLINGTON BRAYLEY, Compiler of the "American Dramatic Directory," etc. Illustrated. Boston, Mass.: John P. Dale & Co., Publishers, 17 Boylston Street. 1889. 8vo. pp. xx.+729. Price \$5 in cloth.

The career of a Fireman is one well calculated to bring out qualities akin to those possessed by the soldier. He should exhibit physical courage, presence of mind, coolness, a fertility in expedients, promptness, and a capacity to adapt the proper measures to any emergency. These, together with high executive ability, are what we are accustomed to look for in the defenders of our country; and these, properly illustrated, are what lend the chiefest charm to military history or in fact to any history having for its object the narration of daring exploits and perilous adventures.

The history of the Boston Fire Department is as rich in examples of heroism, of self-sacrifice, of faithful devotion to duty as are the chronicles of a war. It also contains its full share of humorous incidents, its romance, its picturesque



and exciting events and many other characteristics which go far to make up an interesting and entertaining volume; and although the position in the community of the men composing it for the two centuries or more of its existence has changed much since its first establishment, the men now in its service are still animated by the same high sense of duty as characterized their predecessors in different walks of life.

In the history of the department under notice, the first impression made upon the mind of the reader is the extraordinary labor and research displayed in the preparation of the numerous lists and portraits of the members of the department. A great deal of time and persevering application must have been expended in getting together these lists, portraits and illustrations of the engine houses; and as time goes on, these will give a constantly increasing value to the volume.

The author has also succeeded very well in tracing the early organizations of the department. The accounts of the great fires of 1653, 1676, 1679, 1690, 1691, 1700, 1711, 1759, 1760, 1775 (Charlestown), 1787, 1794, 1824, 1852, 1872 and 1873 are written with much care and considerable detail. The great fire of Nov. 9, 1872, is described in a particularly graphic manner. The history of the different systems, the changes in each and the biographies of the engineers and prominent firemen are all prepared with much skill and accuracy.

The author has divided his work into three parts. The first part, containing eleven chapters, comprises the period from the first settlement of Boston to its organization as a city in 1822, a period of nearly two centuries. The second part, consisting also of eleven chapters, includes the period from 1822 to 1872, or more exactly, to the re-organization of the fire department under a Board of three Fire Commissioners, with chief and district engineers as before, on the 18th of October, 1873, a period of little more than half a century. In the third part, the transactions of the department and accounts of fires from 1873 to 1888 are given in three chapters, together with fourteen chapters relating to biographical sketches of firemen, descriptions of fire districts, lists of members, numerous illustrations of engine houses and engines, maps of districts, portraits of members of the department and a history of the Boston Protective Department, all of which shows, as already stated, remarkable industry on the part of the author, and renders the work of much importance.

It is naturally to be expected that, in a work of such magnitude and including so many different personages, errors will occur. The most prominent one is perhaps on page 4, where the disastrous conflagration of 1653 is said by the author to be described by Governor Winthrop. The latter died in 1649, four years previous to this fire, and the description is to be found in a letter of John Endecott to Governor Winthrop's son, published in the Winthrop Papers, Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Fourth Series, vol. vi. page 154. Another error, possibly a typographical blunder, on page 179, ascribes the name of the old Melville engine as in honor of Mayor Thomas Melville. Mayor Thomas Melville is evidently intended. The usefulness of the book is somewhat impaired by the absence of an index, though this deficiency is supplied to a limited extent by a very full and detailed table of contents. It is to be regretted that the author did not enliven his book with more of the humorous anecdotes of a department so rich in this form of literature, but he probably thought it would make a too bulky volume. The book is printed on good paper and with excellent type, and many of the illustrations are very clear. The illustration on page 91 of the burnt district of 1787 is a reduced copy of the original in the Belknap Papers. It gives an excellent view of the houses at the South End between Boylston and Pleasant Streets at that time.

By *Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston.*

*The Hawes School Memorial, containing an Account of five Re-unions of the Old Hawes School Boys' Association, One Re-union of the Hawes School Girls' Association, and a Series of Biographical Sketches of the old Masters. Together with a List of the Members of the two Associations, and a Re-production of the Programmes of some of the Exhibitions.* Illustrated. Boston: David Clapp & Son, Printers. 1889. 8vo. pp. 227. Price \$2.00; to be obtained of George W. Armstrong, Boston & Albany R. R. Station, Boston.

As its title shows, this book is local in its character and object. It is intended to give an account of the rise, progress and termination of one of our Boston Grammar Schools, situated in that part of the city called South Boston, during

the first half of this century, and of events connected with that school. This intention is minutely and faithfully carried out, and in carrying it out much matter is introduced of general interest. In the well-written Introduction, by Edwin B. Spinney, is given an account of the place itself, which was set off from the old town of Dorchester and made part of Boston in 1804, then having only twelve families, and of the first efforts to establish a school there, which was started and carried on for many years by private subscriptions. It was not till the year 1823, when the population of South Boston was about 1700, that a school-house was erected by the city, Boston having been made a city the year before. The building was put up on land donated for school and other purposes by Mr. John Hawes, whose bequests are still in various ways conferring benefits on the people of South Boston. The School was named for him, and rapidly grew in importance and influence, being the only Grammar School in the place till 1842, and in 1859 it took rank as a Primary School. In this Introduction are also included full accounts of the origin and formation in 1884 of the Boys' Association, and arrangements for its first Re-union. Graphic accounts follow of this and four subsequent Re-unions, written respectively by Messrs. E. B. Spinney, H. W. Wilson, Richard J. Monks, Horace Smith and George B. James. Mrs. C. A. Provan also notices in full the formation and re-union of the Girls' Association. All these meetings were enthusiastically attended, and the reports of them are set forth in a lively and entertaining style. Mr. Armstrong's Directory of the members of the Boys' Association shows a list of about 250, embracing many prominent business and professional men of the city. A very important part of the volume is devoted to biographical sketches of the ten masters of the school during the thirty-six years of its existence, which are written by Oliver B. Stebbins. The names of these pioneers in public teaching in a portion of the city now numbering 70,000 inhabitants were: Rev. Lemuel Capen, Barnum Field, Jairus Lincoln, Rev. (now Bishop) Mark Antony De Wolfe Howe, Rev. William Putnam Page, Moses W. Walker, Rev. Joseph Harrington, Jr., Frederick Crafts, John Alexander Harris, and Samuel Barrett. Mr. Stebbins has not only been very successful in obtaining material for interesting memoirs of this body of worthies, but also instructs and entertains the reader by minutely particularizing the different methods practised by them in the perplexing task of managing the School. No part of the book has been more carefully prepared or satisfactorily presented than this. The volume closes with about twenty pages devoted to re-prints of old Programmes, Orders of Exercises, etc., at different Annual Exhibitions. The book is richly illustrated, including portraits of seven of the ten masters of the School. It cannot fail to prove interesting to any one who desires information in regard to the former management and condition of our public schools.

*By David Clapp, of South Boston.*

*The History of a Rare Washington Print.* By WM. S. BAKER. Reprinted from "the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography." Philadelphia. 1889. 8vo. pp. 10.

The author has given us some interesting facts regarding a picture which has unfortunately perished, unless the copies ordered by the Spanish Minister of the day be yet in existence.

The original oil portrait was ordered by Congress in January, 1779, in a resolution expressing high regard for their illustrious chief. Chas. Wilson Peale was the artist. Said to be a *striking likeness*, it was one of the attractions of Independence Hall, where it hung until the 9th of Sept., 1781, when some miscreants entered the hall and completely defaced it and an engraving of General Montgomery's monument. Fortunately, Peale had taken a number of mezzotints, which must have been numerous at the time, but of which three copies only are now known to exist. One of these three is in Mr. Baker's valuable collection of Washington portraits. A reduced photograph precedes the article.

Mr. Baker is well known as the highest authority on the "Engraved Portraits of Washington" and the author of numerous other works. As maternal descent is considered by some the source of literary ability, we may mention that Mr. Baker is a descendant of the Keyser Family of Germantown, Pa., whose genealogy has been recently noticed in these columns.

*By William J. Potts, Esq., of Camden, N. J.*

*A Biographical Sketch of the late Hon. Edmund Lovell Dana, President of the Osterhout Free Library, Wilkes-Barré, Pa.* By SHELDON REYNOLDS, A.M., Secretary. Wilkes-Barré, Pa. 1889. 8vo. pp. 11.

This biography was prepared at the request of the Directors of the Osterhout Free Library, of which Judge Dana was president, and was read before the board, July 26, 1889. It was also read before the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, on the 13th of Sept. following.

The subject of this sketch died at his residence in that city, April 25, 1889, in his 73d year. He was a descendant of Richard<sup>1</sup> Dana, an early settler of Cambridge, Massachusetts, ancestor of the Dana family of Massachusetts, prominent in literature and law. They were descended from Richard's son Daniel,<sup>2</sup> while Judge Dana of Wilkes-Barré was from an elder brother Jacob.<sup>3</sup>

Judge Dana was graduated at Yale College in 1838, and in 1841 was admitted to the bar of Luzerne County. In 1867 he was elevated to the bench, from which he retired in 1878. He served with credit in the Mexican War and in the war for the preservation of the Union. Mr. Reynolds presents us with an interesting sketch of the varied career of this learned and patriotic man.

*The Pre-Columbian Discovery of America by the Northmen, with Translations of the Icelandic Sagas.* By B. F. DeCOSTA. Second Edition. Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons. 1890. 8vo. pp. 186.

Over twenty years ago, in the year 1868, the Rev. Dr. DeCosta published the first edition of the book before us. In his preface he said: "The aim of the present work is to place within the reach of the English-reading historical student every portion of the Icelandic Sagas essentially relating to the Pre-Columbian Discovery of America by the Northmen. These Sagas are left, in the main, to tell their own story; though, with the necessary introductions, notes have been added, either to remove misconceptions, to give information in regard to persons or places, or to show the identity of localities described." The book, on its first appearance, was noticed in the REGISTER for April, 1869.

Much has been published since then upon the early visits of the Northmen to these shores, but Dr. DeCosta has not changed his opinion upon that subject. "Time has only served to strengthen his belief in the historical character of the Sagas, while all his geographical studies point now as formerly to New England as the scene of the Northmen's exploits, many of which have left no record, though valuable traces of Icelandic occupation may yet be found between Cape Cod and Nova Scotia."

The discussion about the Northmen now going on, and the nearness of the Columbian celebration, have led the author to bring out a new edition of his book which has long been out of print. "The work," he says, "is not issued with any intention of seeking to detract from the glory of the achievements of Columbus, though we should remember that the time is rapidly approaching when history will summon us to honor the Cabots, the great fellow countrymen of the Genoese, who saw the continent of America before Columbus himself viewed it. The desire is to place before the reader the story which precedes that of 1492, and which is so interesting and important."

We are glad to see a new edition of this book placed before the public, though we cannot entirely agree with the author in his conclusions. We think it probable that the Northmen visited New England, but we fail to find sufficient evidence to identify the localities visited.

*A Gazetteer of the State of Massachusetts, with Numerous Illustrations.* By the Rev. ELIAS NASON, M.A. Revised and Enlarged by GEORGE J. VARNEY. Boston: Published by B. B. Russell, 57 Cornhill. 1890. 8vo. pp. 724. Price in cloth \$3; in half russia \$4.

The first edition of this gazetteer was published in 1874, and was noticed in this periodical for January of that year. The author, the Rev. Mr. Nason, was the editor of the REGISTER for several years, and his merits as a writer are well known to our readers. He died June 17, 1887, and a memoir of him appeared in the REGISTER for January, 1889.

Nason's Gazetteer of Massachusetts has long been a standard work which our people could not dispense with; but the lapse of fifteen years since its publication has rendered a revision necessary. Mr. Nason before his last sickness was making preparations to do this. Mr. Russell, the publisher, has been

fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Varney to revise the work. He is the author of a Gazetteer of Maine and of other historical and statistical works, and is every way qualified for his task. At first it was his intention only to drop obsolete portions and substitute therefor "matter supplied by later investigations and the latest statistics," and thus bring the articles up to date. "But on entering upon the work it was found that, in the passage of time, the conditions in nearly every town had so changed, sometimes by a reduction of population and business, oftener by an increase, and frequently by change of industries, that the account of every one had to be rewritten." This, of course, involved a great deal of labor.

One improvement in this edition is the introduction, in their alphabetical place, of the names of villages as well as towns. This is a great convenience. It sometimes happens that a village is better known than the town in which it is situated, and frequently better known than some other towns.

The Rev. Mr. Nason in his preface stated that his object had been, "to portray the varied local scenery, the genius, the spirit, the industrial and intellectual activities of the people; to form a guide-book of the State adapted to the family, the student, the man of business and the man of leisure, the editor and the literary institution"; and he well accomplished his design. Mr. Varney has not lost sight of this object.

The book is well printed and bound, and is illustrated with numerous engravings.

*The History of Hancock, New Hampshire, 1764-1889.* By WILLIAM WILLIS HAYWARD. Lowell, Mass.: Vox Populi Press, S. W. Huse & Co. 1889. 2 vols. in one. 8vo. pp. xiv.+1070. Price \$5.

The present bulky volume is a result of the celebration of the centenary of the town, Sept. 17, 1879. "A desire was manifested, on the part of those present, that a history of the town should be prepared at an early date, and a vote was passed to that effect." At the next annual town meeting, March 13, 1880, the town voted to take one hundred copies of the history when completed, and pay three hundred dollars for the same. Three years later one hundred dollars more were voted. On the 26th of January, 1882, an association of twenty-five persons was formed to assume the pecuniary risk of the undertaking, and, in the following May, the Rev. Mr. Hayward was engaged to write the history. The book is published for the association by Messrs. Orland Eaton, Joshua Stanley Lakin and John Peabody Ellis, a committee chosen for that purpose.

The book is divided into two parts. The first part consists of 294 pages, which is devoted to the history of the town, to which is prefixed the proceedings at the centennial celebration. The remainder of the volume is devoted to the genealogies. Rev. Mr. Hayward has performed his task in a thorough and very satisfactory manner. He has given us a history of his native town, that preserves in an interesting form the memory of its prominent men and events. The arrangement of the materials is clear, both as to the history and the genealogies. In the latter, many well written biographies are found. The book is illustrated by about fifty portraits, besides plans and views. It has a good index.

*Kansas State Historical Society. List by Counties of the Newspapers and Periodicals published in Kansas, January 1, 1889.* Compiled by F. G. ADAMS, Secretary of the Kansas Historical Society. Topeka: Kansas Publishing House, Clifford C. Baker, State Printer. 1889. 8vo. pp. 88.

This is a list of newspapers and other periodicals published in Kansas, Jan. 1, 1889, a year ago last new year's day. They number 827 in all. The regular issues of these, with very few exceptions, are received by the Kansas State Historical Society, and are furnished free by the publishers. The Society has been very successful in gathering this species of literature, and their collection of Kansas newspapers and periodicals will be very useful to those who are investigating the history of the state. We have heard of no other state that has, in one place, so large a proportion of the newspapers published within its limits.

The society had, on the first of January last, 2064 volumes of newspapers and periodicals.

*North Worcester; its First Settlers and Old Farms.* By CALEB A. WALL. Worcester: Published by the Author. 1890. 8vo. pp. 22.

Mr. Wall is the author of "Reminiscences of Worcester" and "Puritans vs. Quakers," the latter of which has been noticed in this magazine. The pamphlet before us consists of an historical address delivered before the Chamberlain District Farmers' Club, at the residence of A. S. Lowell, North Worcester, Massachusetts, on the 6th of December, 1889. Mr. Wall gives a minute and interesting account of the settlers of North Worcester and their dwellings and farms.

The author announces that "this is the first of a series of similar publications" which he "is about to issue, containing his addresses at different historic points in the territory of Worcester, comprising accounts of the first settlers and their families, historical and genealogical, the location of their estates, etc." The series promises to be both useful and interesting.

*Records of the Town of Plymouth.* Published by Order of the Town. Vol. I., 1636 to 1705. Plymouth: Avery & Doten, Book and Job Printers. 1889. 8vo. pp. xvi.+347. Price \$1.50. Sold by W. B. Clarke & Co., 340 Washington Street, Boston.

*Town Records of Brookline, Massachusetts, 1872-1884.* Published by Vote of the Town. 1888. 8vo. pp. 731+liil.

*Worcester Town Records, 1784-1788.* Edited by FRANKLIN P. RICE. Worcester, Mass.: The Worcester Society of Antiquity. 1890. 8vo. pp. 136.

We have before us printed records of three towns, Plymouth, Brookline and Worcester. The first two were printed at the expense of the towns, the other by an antiquarian society.

Mr. Hassam, in his report to the New-England Historic Genealogical Society at the annual meeting, January 2, 1889, which was printed with the proceedings at that meeting, shows the importance, and even the necessity, of printing the town records if we would preserve them for posterity. We are glad to see so many towns waking up to their duty.

Plymouth, whose records head our list, was settled by the Pilgrim Fathers in 1620, and is the oldest of our New England towns. It is one of the first places visited by strangers from abroad, and its history has a greater interest than that of any of our other towns to descendants of the settlers of New England in all parts of our country. The records of the town of Plymouth, we are told in the Introduction, "exclusive of the records of births, deaths and marriages, are contained in nine volumes, the first covering the period from 1636 to 1692; the second from 1692 to 1716; the third from 1716 to 1795; the fourth from 1795 to 1828; the fifth from 1828 to 1854; the sixth from 1854 to 1866; the seventh from 1866 to 1878; the eighth from 1878 to 1887; and the ninth from 1887 to the present time." The publication before us contains the whole of the first volume of records and ninety-eight pages of the second. The chairman of the committee of publication was Hon. William T. Davis, author of "The Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth," and he was entrusted by the committee with the editing of the book. He deserves great credit for the excellent manner in which he has performed his task. The book is well printed and has a good index.

The town of Brookline, in 1875, had its records for two centuries, from 1634 to 1838, printed in a handsome octavo volume, with an index. The town, by vote April 13, 1888, ordered that the records from 1872 to 1884 be printed, and \$1325 was appropriated for the purpose. The result is before us. The volume was printed under the supervision of the town clerk, Mr. B. F. Baker, who evidently has bestowed much care upon the work. It is handsomely printed and well indexed. We trust that the records for the intervening third of a century (1839 to 1873) will be preserved in type before long. The records of Brookline are now printed annually in the town reports. An excellent plan.

The Worcester Town Records, 1784-1788, form Number 28 of the Proceedings of the Worcester Society of Antiquity. The previous records of the town have already appeared in the Proceedings of that society, of which seven volumes have been completed and two numbers of the eighth volume have been published. They are handsomely printed on fine white paper with a broad margin.

*History of Rumford, Oxford County, Maine, from its First Settlement in 1779, to the Present Time.* By WILLIAM B. LAFHAM. Augusta: Press of the Maine

**Farmer.** 1890. 8vo. pp. xv.+482. Price \$4. Sold by George E. Littlefield, 67 Cornhill, Boston.

This new book by Dr. Lapham, who has given us several excellent histories of towns in the state of Maine, has reached us too late to give an adequate notice in the present number of the REGISTER. We are promised a review of the book for the July number, from a correspondent well qualified for the labor. The volume makes a fine appearance and is illustrated by many portraits and views.

**The New-England Notes and Queries.** Vol. I., No. 1, January, 1890. Newport, R. I.: R. H. Tilley. 1890. 8vo. pp. 80. Published quarterly. Price \$1 a year.

This is a continuation of Mr. Tilley's former publication the *American Notes and Queries*, which appeared annually. Two issues of that work, those for 1888 and 1889, have appeared, both of which have been noticed by us. Mr. Tilley has now decided to discontinue his annual, and to commence a quarterly publication with a new name and an enlarged scope. The January number contains an interesting variety of Notes, Queries, Announcements, Book-Notes, notices of Magazines and Newspapers, etc.

**American Men of Letters.** *William Cullen Bryant.* By JOHN BIGELOW. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. The Riverside Press, Cambridge. 1890. 12mo. pp. vii.+355. Price \$1.25.

This memoir is a new instalment of the valuable series edited by Charles Dudley Warner, and entitled "American Men of Letters." Bryant may well be considered a representative man of letters, for his whole life was passed in literary labor. In fact he won distinction nearly three quarters of a century ago, for his "Thanatopsis," which made him famous, appeared in 1817. The present memoir is by his intimate friend, John Bigelow, who had the good fortune to be associated with Mr. Bryant as editor of the *New York Evening Post*. It is a fitting tribute to the genius, the ability and the sterling integrity of one whose life may be pointed to as an example for American youth with literary aspirations.

**The Pratt Family.** *A Genealogical Record of Mathew Pratt of Weymouth, Mass., and his American Descendants, 1622-1888.* Boston, Mass. 1889. 8vo. pp. 226.

1599-1890. *Lion Gardiner and his Descendants, with Illustrations.* Edited, with Notes Critical and Illustrative, by CURTISS C. GARDINER. St. Louis: A. Whipple, Publisher. 1890. Royal 8vo. pp. xxv.+170.

**A Genealogical Record, including Two Generations in Female Lines, of Families spelling their name Spofford, Spafford, Spafard and Spaford, descendants of John Spofford and Elizabeth Scott who emigrated in 1638 from Yorkshire, England, and settled at Rowley, Essex County, Mass.** By Dr. JEREMIAH SPOFFORD of Groveland, Mass. Memorial Edition by his daughter, APHIA T. SPOFFORD. Boston: Printed by Alfred Mudge & Son. 1888. 8vo. pp. 502.

**The Ancestry, Life and Times of Hon. Henry Hastings Sibley, LL.D., first Governor of the State of Minnesota.** By NATHANIEL WEST, D.D. Pioneer Press Publishing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota. 1889. 8vo. pp. x.+596. Price \$3.75.

**The Descendants of William White of Haverhill, Mass. Genealogical Notices.** By DANIEL APPLETON WHITE, 1863. *Additional Genealogical and Biographical Notices.* By ANNIE FRANCES RICHARDS. Together with Portraits and Illustrations. American Printing and Engraving Company, Boston, Mass. 1889. 8vo. pp. 80.

**Thomas Cooper of Boston and his Descendants.** By FREDERICK TUCKERMAN of Amherst, Mass. Boston: David Clapp & Son, Printers. 1890. 8vo. pp. 11.

**The Butterfields of Middlesex.** By GEORGE A. GORDON, A.M., Member of the New-England Historic Genealogical Society. 8vo. pp. 11. Price 25 cts.

We continue in this number our quarterly notices of recent genealogical publications.

The first book on our list is the Genealogy of the Pratt Family, by Francis G. Pratt, Jr. The author informs us in his Introduction that "There are known to have been at least ten persons by the name of Pratt, who settled in New Eng-

land between 1621 and 1650. Some of these individuals were doubtless members of the same family, perhaps brothers, or other relationship near or remote; but from what places in England they came, or who were their immediate ancestors, or in what ship each arrived, is very much a matter of tradition." Thirty years ago, in 1860, the late Rev. Stillman Pratt printed a brief account of one of these settlers, John Pratt of Dorchester, and four years later, in 1864, the late Rev. Frederick W. Chapman published a very full genealogy of the descendants of another original settler, Lieut. William Pratt of Hartford and Saybrook, Conn. In the same volume he gave genealogical notes concerning the descendants of three other Connecticut settlers, John Pratt of Hartford, Peter Pratt of Lyme and John Pratt of Saybrook. The late Eleazer F. Pratt of Boston made large collections concerning the descendants of Phinehas Pratt, of Weymouth and Plymouth, but they have never been printed. The present volume is devoted to Mathew Pratt of Weymouth and his posterity. He was "the ancestor of nearly all the Pratts of Weymouth, and many of the name in Bridgewater, Middleboro', Taunton, Mansfield, Stoughton, Norton, Easton, Arlington, Braintree, Quincy, Randolph, Holbrook and adjacent towns." Mr. Pratt the author has bestowed much labor on this book and has been very successful in obtaining the records of the family. A grandson of the emigrant, Elder William Pratt, was one of the settlers of Dorchester, South Carolina, and wrote an account of the first voyage of the Dorchester Colony to that place, which is preserved and is printed in this book. The volume is well arranged, and handsomely printed and bound. It has a good index.

The next book, Lion Gardiner and his Descendants, is by Mr. Gardiner of St. Louis, Mo., whose book entitled "The Papers and Biography of Lion Gardiner" was published in 1883 and was noticed by us in January, 1884. The history of Lion Gardiner and his services in early New England days as a military engineer, are well known. The present volume contains a reprint of the author's former book, revised, corrected and enlarged, which form Part I. of the book. The second part, consisting of family records, comprises eight generations traced, with some notices of individuals in the ninth and tenth generations. The book is compiled in a very thorough and scholarly manner. The typographical execution is excellent, and the illustrations which are numerous are fine. There is a good index.

The volume on the Spofford family is another book that deserves great praise. The late Dr. Jeremiah Spofford published a genealogy of this family in 1851, in an octavo pamphlet of 64 pages. This work was reprinted in the REGISTER with additions and corrections in the years 1854 and 1855. Dr. Spofford continued to collect material till his death, Sept. 16, 1880, aged 92. He left his genealogical papers to his daughter, Aphie. In compliance with his special request she has revised and completed the Spofford genealogy, and brought it out in the elegant volume that is before us. That she has bestowed great labor upon it is plain. The full and precise records she gives is one evidence of this. The book is well arranged, handsomely printed, with numerous portraits and other illustrations. It has a good index.

The book on the life and ancestry of Gen. Sibley is a very interesting work. He was the first delegate from the territory of Minnesota, and the first governor of the state. He has been a member of Congress and a brevet major-general of the United States Volunteers, besides holding other offices of honor and trust. Gen. Sibley is a descendant of John Sibley, an early settler of Salem, Massachusetts. Dr. West furnishes much information about the ancestry of Gen. Sibley and a full and interesting account of his various services to his state and his country.

The next book, that on the White family, is based on a pamphlet of 47 pages, published in 1863, entitled "Descendants of William White of Haverhill," which was prepared from the papers of Judge Daniel Appleton White of Salem, who died in 1861. The volume before us by Mrs. Richards is very much fuller than the original work, and is otherwise improved. The book is well printed and is embellished with a number of excellent portraits and other illustrations. Among them is a reduced fac-simile of the Indian Deed of Haverhill, which seems to be in private hands. We hope the owner of the deed will place it in the city clerk's custody.

The pamphlets on the Cooper and Butterfield families are reprints from the REGISTER for January last.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

PRESENTED TO THE NEW-ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TO MARCH 13, 1890.

Prepared by MR. THOMAS F. MILLETT, Assistant Librarian.

I. *Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.*

The Boltons of Old and New England, with a genealogy of the descendants of William Bolton, of Reading, Mass. 1720. By Charles Knowles Bolton. Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons, Publishers. 1889. 8vo. pp. 86.

History of the Old South Church (Third Church), Boston. 1669-1884. By Hamilton A. Hill. In two Volumes. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co., The Riverside Press, Cambridge, Mass. 1890. 8vo. pp. 602 and 688.

The Pre-Columbian Discovery of America by the Northerners, with Translations from the Icelandic Sagas. By Rev. B. F. DeCosta. 2d Edition. Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons, Publishers. 1890. 8vo. pp. 196.

The Story of St. Philip's Church, New York City. A discourse delivered in the New Church, West Twenty-fifth Street, at its opening, Sunday morning, Feb. 17, 1889. By the Rev. B. F. DeCosta, D.D. New York: Printed for the Parish. 1889. 8vo. pp. 67.

Second Report of the Custody and Condition of the Public Records of Parishes, Towns and Counties. By Robert T. Swan, Commissioner. Boston: Wright & Potter Printing Co., State Printers, 18 Post Office Square. 1890. 8vo. pp. 45.

Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Lake Mohonk Conference of Friends of the Indian. 1889. Edited by Samuel J. Barrows. Published by The Lake Mohonk Conference. 1889. 8vo. pp. 125.

II. *Other Publications.*

Essex Institute Historical Collections. July, Aug. and Sept. 1888. Vol. 25. Salem, Mass.: Printed for the Essex Institute. 1890. 8vo. pp.

A Biographical Sketch of the late Hon. Edmund Lovell Dana, President of the Osterhout Free Library, Wilkesbarré, Pa. By Sheldon Reynolds, A.M., Secretary. Wilkesbarré, Pa. 1889. 8vo. pp. 11.

The British Flag; Its Origin and History. Incidents in its use in America. A paper read before the Connecticut Historical Society, June 7, 1881. By Jonathan F. Morris. Reprinted from The Hartford Daily Courant, June 8, 1881. Hartford, Conn. 1889. 8vo. pp. 24.

Dedham Historical Register. Vol. I. No. 1. January, 1890. Published by the Dedham Historical Society. Dedham, Mass. 8vo.

Worcester Town Records. 1784-1788. Edited by Franklin P. Rice, Worcester, Mass. Worcester Society of Antiquity. 1890. 8vo. pp. 136.

Johns Hopkins University Studies. No. 3, of Eighth Series. Local Government in Wisconsin. By David E. Spencer, A.B. Baltimore, Md.: Publication Agency of the Johns Hopkins University. March, 1890. 8vo. pp. 9.

Collections and Proceedings of the Maine Historical Society. Quarterly Part. January, 1890. Portland, Me.: Published for the Society by Brown, Thurston & Co. 8vo. pp. 112.

Address by Harrison Hume. Delivered at the 250th Dinner of the New-England Club, Dec. 21, 1889 (Forefathers' Day). Boston: Printed by Nathan Sawyer & Son, No. 70 State Street. 1890. 8vo. pp. 21.

Eighty-fourth Anniversary Celebration of the New-England Society in the City of New York, at Delmonico's, Dec. 23, 1889. 8vo. pp. 107.

Annual Reports of the President and Treasurer of Harvard College. 1888-1889. Cambridge, Mass.: Published by the University. 1890. 8vo. pp. 61.

Thirty-first Annual Report of the Railroad Commissioners of the State of Maine, with Statistical Tables compiled from the Annual Returns of the Railroad Companies operating Railroads in the State for the year ending Sept. 30, 1889, to which are added the Decisions of the Board made during the year 1889. Augusta: Burleigh & Flynt, Printers to the State. 1890. 8vo. pp. 202.

Some Remarkable Passages in the Life of Dr. George De Benneville, late of Germantown, Penn., who died in March, 1793, in his 90th year. Translated from the French of his own manuscript, to which is prefixed a Recommendatory Preface by the translator, Rev. Elihan Winchester. A reprint from the American edition of 1800. Revised and corrected, with notes and addenda not hitherto published. Edition limited to 500 copies. Germantown, Pa.: Converse Cleaves, Publisher. 1890. 8vo. pp. 55.



## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

THE AMERICAN FOLK-LORE SOCIETY was formed about three years ago to collect and preserve the "Folk-lore" of our continent, and especially of the United States. Membership is open to every one who will forward to the Society's treasurer, Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., No. 104 South Fifth Street, Philadelphia, the sum of three dollars, the annual fee for membership. For this the "Journal of American Folk-lore," a handsomely printed quarterly periodical, will be sent them. It is intended that local branches shall be formed; and the Philadelphia members of the Society have taken the initiative by creating the "Philadelphia Chapter of the American Folk-lore Society," a circular of which is before us. A schedule of topics which will be separately discussed at the meetings of the Chapter is given in the circular. For further information application can be made to the secretary of the Chapter, Mr. Stewart Culin, 127 South Front Street, Philadelphia, Pa. We wish the Society success.

GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think may be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from college or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of birth, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

*Drake.*—The Rev. W. L. Chaffin, of North Easton, Mass., has in preparation a Genealogy of the descendants of Thomas Drake, of Weymouth, Mass., who died in 1692, and whose descendants settled in Easton, Taunton, Stoughton, Sharon and Middleboro', Mass., and are now in many other places. All members of this family are earnestly requested to forward facts, dates and information to Rev. Mr. Chaffin.

*French.*—John Marshall French, P. O. Box 28, Milford, Mass., is collecting, with the hope of publishing, the family history of William French, an early settler of Cambridge and Billerica, Mass., and his descendants. He solicits the coöperation of members of the family.

*Lane.*—The records of the Lane Family, collected by Dea. Edmund J. Lane and the Rev. James P. Lane, both deceased, have been committed to the Rev. Jacob Chapman of Exeter and the Rev. James H. Fitts of South Newmarket, N. H., to revise, arrange and complete for the press. Their experience and ability will ensure a full and reliable genealogy. Descendants are recommended to send their records and subscriptions to them early. The subscription price of the work is three dollars a volume, or in that proportion, if the volume exceeds 300 octavo pages.

*Street.*—In the REGISTER for October, 1879, we announced that Mr. Henry A. Street of New Haven, Ct., had in preparation a genealogy of the descendants of Rev. Nicholas Street. We are happy to announce that the work is now nearly ready for printing. An association has been formed by the name of "The Street Family Association of England and America," under whose auspices the book will be published. Mrs. Mary A. Street of Exeter, N. H., is the corresponding secretary. A general meeting of the Association will be held at New Haven on the 26th and 27th of next June. At this gathering of the family, an address by Rev. George E. Street of Exeter, N. H., will be delivered.

Items for the Street Genealogy may be sent to Mrs. Street of Exeter, the corresponding secretary.

An article giving the early generations of this family will be found in the April number of the REGISTER, p. 183.

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## BOOK NOTICES.

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*History of the Old South Church (Third Church), Boston, 1669-1884.* By HAMILTON ANDREWS HILL. In Two Volumes. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Company. The Riverside Press, Cambridge, Mass. 1890. 8vo. pp. xv. + 602, ix. + 688. With Illustrations and Index. Price \$10.

Very welcome is this new contribution to our collection of church histories; not only for the intrinsic merits of the subject itself, but for the very excellent manner in which it has been treated.

The Old South Church! How many memories of the historic past cluster round this early religious institution of our fathers. How many of our citizens of so many generations have looked to its teachings for spiritual guidance and moral education; and how many will rejoice that the venerable walls of the old church building still remain with us, a monument of the political as well as the religious faith of the founders of this republic, and a landmark for the instruction of future ages.

The periods in the history of this the third of the Boston Churches which naturally most arrest the attention of the reader are its foundation, its experience in the Revolution, and the final abandonment of the historic site for the new and elegant structure now occupied by the Society on Boylston Street; events which correspond nearly to the beginning, middle and end of the career of the old edifice on Washington and Milk Streets for church purposes. But there are other portions which equally demand the attention of the careful readers of Church history—such as the experience of the Church during the Andros regime, its attitude in the witchcraft delusion, the long and memorable joint pastorate of Rev. Joseph Sewall and Rev. Thomas Prince, during which the present Church edifice on the corner of Washington and Milk Streets was constructed, and the visits of Rev. George Whitefield to Boston occurred.

To the investigation of these important subjects—and indeed to the entire work—Mr. Hill has brought a ripened judgment, a clearness and persistency of research, and a fairness and impartiality of treatment that is in the highest degree commendable. Whatever may be the difference of opinion in regard to the ultimate disposal of the old church building, it is certain that the necessity

for securing another place of worship, owing to the changed condition of the old locality, for the Third Church, is effectively demonstrated, and will, it is thought, at this distance of time, be generally conceded by all. The author has dealt with the opposition to this movement in a spirit of justice and courtesy that is alike unusual with many authors and praiseworthy in himself.

In his general plan, Mr. Hill has chosen to present his work more in the form of a record than a narrative history. His frequent extracts from the diary of that venerable and worthy pillar of the Church, Judge Samuel Sewall, although adversely commented upon, are to be strongly defended, inasmuch as they strengthen the authenticity of the work and bring us more into direct relation to the period represented; and while one may wish that the author had given us more of his own correct and agreeable literary style, surely he could not have availed himself of a higher or more competent authority than the one he selected.

Not the least meritorious feature of the work is the series of short sketches of the prominent leaders of the Church and other public characters. It serves to freshen our memory of the acts and words of men whose services to church and state reflected honor on themselves and the cause they represented. The author's treatment of the Rev. Thomas Thacher, the first pastor of the Church, is especially interesting in this respect. These sketches are not only to be found in the foot notes but in the body of the work, those of the founders of the Church being so arranged.

But little space is left to speak of the illustrations, which are seventy-six in number, consisting of fac-similes of important documents, representations of different portions of the church buildings, mansions, memorial tablets, portraits, relics, maps and other attractive embellishments. They are finely executed and neatly and appropriately arranged. Among the most curious are the record in fac-simile of the baptism of Benjamin Franklin, old Washington Street, and the portraits of the early pastors. The volumes are excellently printed on good paper and are neatly bound in cloth.

Such is a brief description of the history of the Church of Thacher, of Sewall, of Willard, of Franklin and of Prince—one of the most important and valuable histories that have been issued for many years—a worthy companion to the late Rev. Mr. Foote's *Annals of King's Chapel*, and a work that should be read by the scholar and the critic as well as by the general reader.

*By Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston, Mass.*

*The Diary of William Pyncheon of Salem. A Picture of Salem Life, social and political, a century ago.* Edited by FITCH EDWARD OLIVER, Member of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin and Company. 1890. 8vo. pp. ix.+349.

This diary, while not of great historical value, is interesting not only as a picture of Salem life, as stated on the title page, but for the items and notes relating to a multitude of events and individuals not especially connected with Salem. It covers a period of over thirteen years, commencing in 1776, with the exception of the year 1779, and four months of 1780, and gives much information in regard to the various rumors in circulation during the war, and the state of popular feeling in Essex County. William Pyncheon was an able lawyer, sprung from a prominent family, and, like many others, was not fully in sympathy with the conduct and methods of the "patriots," who were often violent and intolerant. Consequently he had his windows broken in October, 1777, when the citizens were rejoicing over the reported surrender of General Burgoyne's army. Mr. Pyncheon kept a careful record of the weather, which is of interest, and noted the visits of friends, but there is comparatively little relating to deaths occurring in the locality, or to town affairs. It is a work that contributes to a just understanding of the period of the Revolution, and for that reason we welcome it. The editor's notes are important, and add much to the value of the book, which is handsomely printed and well indexed. Mr. Hawthorne was rather unfortunate in selecting so respectable a name for certain characters in his novel entitled "The House of Seven Gables," as he admits in a letter dated at Lenox, May 3, 1851, and addressed to a descendant of the Pyncheon family. This letter is printed in connection with a sketch of the writer of the diary, which appears in the introduction.

*By George Kuhn Clarke, LL.B., of Needham, Mass.*

*Collections of the Cayuga County Historical Society, Auburn, N. Y. Number Seven. 1889. 8vo. pp. 238.*

The Cayuga County Historical Society was organized at Auburn, N. Y., in 1876, and was incorporated February 2, 1877. More than eighty original papers have been read before it, most of which have been published in the local papers. Twenty-five of them have been printed in the Collections of the Society, of which seven numbers, including the book before us, have been published. The six previous numbers have appeared in the following years: Number 1 in 1879, number 2 in 1882, number 3 in 1884, number 4 in 1886, number 5 in 1887, and number 6 in 1888.

The present volume contains the address, at the twelfth annual meeting, by the president, Gen. William H. Seward; *Early Days and College Life of the late William H. Seward*, by Gen. Seward, a son of Secretary Seward; *History of the Press of Cayuga County, from 1798 to 1877*, by Elliot G. Storke; *Early Modes of Travel and Transportation*, by J. Lewis Grant; *Recollections of Auburn*, by Michael S. Myers; *A Sketch of Roswell Franklin, the pioneer settler of Cayuga County*, by the Rev. Charles Hawley, D.D.; *Sketch of the Life of Governor Throop*, by Mrs. E. T. Throop Martin; *Sullivan's Expedition and the Cayugas*, by D. Warren Adams; the late C. H. Merriman, by James R. Cox; and Joseph L. and John Richardson, by Frank W. Richardson.

This Society is doing a good work for the history of Cayuga County, New York.

*A History of Coggeshall in Essex; with an Account of the Church, Abbey, Manors, Ancient Houses, &c., and Biographical Sketches of the Most Distinguished Men and Ancient Families, including the Family of Coggeshall from 1149 to the reunion at Rhode Island, U. S. A., in 1884.* By GEO. FRED. BRAUMONT, one of the Local Secretaries of the Essex Archaeological Society. Coggeshall: Edwin Potter, Market End. London: Marshall Brothers, Paternoster Row. 1890. 8vo. pp. xiv. + 272. Price 7s. 6d., postage 6d. With many illustrations.

Many of the settlers of New England were from the County of Essex, and some of them were connected with Coggeshall. The Rev. John Rogers, the fifth president of Harvard College, was born in that town, where his father Rev. Nathaniel Rogers resided a few years. Another New England family, the Coggeshalls prominent in Rhode Island history, are presumed to be of the same stock as the family of that name seated in this parish.

The author of the book before us has given us a very valuable work. A writer in the *Boston Evening Transcript* of the 22d of March last says: "In a reasonable compass as regards bulk, and at a very moderate cost, Mr. Beaumont tells us all about Coggeshall. Circumstances personal to himself pointed him out as the man to undertake a history of the place, if it was to be undertaken at all, and it is only just to say that what he has done he has done well. His plan has been that recommended by Captain Cuttle; he made a note of everything suitable for the purpose which came in his way. These notes he at one time intended to leave in manuscript for the benefit, he says, of the future historian, but, wisely we think, he reconsidered this determination. Quite independently of any statement by the author, the book itself proclaims its origin, for it is a collection of materials for a history, rather than in itself a history. This is no disparagement of the book, but rather a recommendation, for the great want now-a-days is a storehouse of facts, and this is just what we have got—something which each reader can turn to account in his own way, without having the deductions of the author perpetually thrust upon him."

*An Interesting Memoir of the Jamestown Voyage to Ireland.* By the late R. B. FORBES. Illustrated. Boston: James B. Cullen & Company. 1890. 8vo. pp. 15. Price 25 cents.

On the birthday of Washington in the year 1847, "certain merchants of Boston forwarded to the Hon. R. C. Winthrop a petition asking Congress to loan a United States ship to carry to Ireland a cargo of supplies for the famine-stricken people of Ireland." Congress, on the 3d of March, granted the loan of the frigate *Macedonian* to Capt. George C. DeKay of New York, and of the sloop of war *Jamestown* to Capt. Robert B. Forbes, the writer of this pamphlet. After the removal of the *Jamestown's* armament, she was filled with "about eight thousand barrels in bulk, consisting of provisions, grain,

meal, clothing, etc.," the gift of our people to relieve the starving inhabitants of Ireland.

The Jamestown sailed on Sunday morning, March 28, and fifteen days later, April 12, 1847, she cast anchor in the outer harbor of what is now known as Queenstown. They were received with demonstrations of gratitude. Much suffering was relieved by their timely arrival, but the details of the distribution of the cargo are not given. The Macedonian sailed later, and contributions were also sent by other vessels. A noble record for humanity.

*Pioneer History of Milwaukee from the First American Settlement in 1833 to 1841, with a Topographical Description, as it appeared in a State of Nature. Illustrated with a Map.* By JAMES S. BUCK. Revised Edition. Milwaukee: Swain & Tate, Book and Job Printers. 1890. 8vo. pp. 358.

Four volumes of the History of Milwaukee from 1833 to 1860, by James S. Buck, Esq., of that city have been printed. The first volume, published in 1876, and the second issued in 1881, were devoted to the Pioneer History, from 1833 to 1846. The third volume published in 1884, and the fourth in 1886, are entitled "Milwaukee under the Charter," and give the history of the city from 1847 to 1860. These volumes were noticed by us as they appeared. Mr. Buck was an eye-witness to much that he narrates in his history, for he has been a resident of the place for over fifty years, having arrived there in January, 1837, only a few years after Milwaukee was settled.

The work was so well received that the author has been encouraged to issue the second and revised edition of the first volume now before us. This enables him to bring into their chronological order, events belonging to this period which escaped his attention when the book was first published, many of which have been preserved in the later volumes. Mr. Buck states that his object in writing this book is to make it "a foundation upon which future historians can build who were not eye-witnesses or participants in any of these scenes and who never saw Milwaukee when all was new and wild."

We hope that those who are interested in the history of this country, and particularly in the annals of the West, will encourage Mr. Buck to bring out other volumes by purchasing this. Much biography as well as history is here preserved. The portraits of many Milwaukee pioneers embellish the volume, which is also illustrated by views of buildings, maps, etc. An index is given.

*Index to the First Volume of the Parish Registers of Gainford in the County of Durham.* Part I. Baptisms, 1560-1784. London: Elliott Stock, 62 Paternoster Row, E. C. 1889. 8vo. pp. 164. Price 6 shillings.

*Index to the First Volume of the Parish Registers of Gainford in the County of Durham.* Part II. Marriages, 1569-1761. London: Elliot Stock. 1889. 8vo. pp. 96. Price 6 shillings.

The two volumes whose titles we give above have been printed at the expense of the Rev. Joseph Edleston, LL.D., the learned vicar of Gainford; and we presume that they were compiled by a member of his family. In the preface to the first volume the editor gives this account of the parish and its registers:

"The parish of Gainford consists of the townships of Gainford (including the districts of Alwnt and Selaby), Piercebridge, Bolam, Morton, Tinmouth, Summerhouse, Headlam, Langton and part of Cleatlam, all in the county and diocese of Durham. The earliest register, now kept with others in an iron safe in the vestry, is a book of 155 parchment leaves, bound in calf, measuring about 11½ in. x 7½ in., and 1½ in. thick. It appears to be a copy down to about the year 1600, and on the first page is: 'Collect. et exam., Jo. Cradocke, vicariu' Ib'm, 1594.' The entries are all in English, with the exception of a few in Latin, in 1601 and 1602, and on the whole are in a good state of preservation. The volume was bound in 1795, and the writing slightly cut in some places. The baptisms, marriages and burials are arranged separately. . . . The object in compiling this index," the editor adds, "has been to arrange all the facts contained in the register in a convenient form for reference."

The two volumes now published contain full abstracts of the records of Baptisms and Marriages in Gainford alphabetically arranged. A third volume devoted to the Burials is in preparation. The registers begin in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and the part now printed extends to the reign of George III.,

two hundred years. The recorded facts are now preserved from the danger of accidental or wilful destruction, and are made accessible to a wide circle of readers. The compiler deserves our thanks for this. The books are handsomely printed and sold at a low price.

The seat of the Duke of Cleveland, the lineal representative of Sir Henry Vane, one of our early and honored Massachusetts governors, is in the neighboring parish of Darlington, and we think that the duke is lord of the manor of this parish.

*L'Intermédiaire des Chercheurs et Curieux. Correspondance littéraire, Notes et Queries français, Questions et Réponses, Lettres et Documents inédits, Communications Diverses.* Paris: LUCIEN FAUCON. 13 rue Cujas. Paraît le 10 et le 25 de chaque mois.

The history of no people furnishes a larger amount of material for the labors of the antiquary than that of the French; so many and various have been the changes in habits, customs and tastes. Ordinarily, the lapse of time buries in oblivion much that succeeding generations become interested in. Add to such an accumulation the destructive results of revolutions, the fall of dynasties, and the extinction of ancient nobilities; and it is evident how rich becomes the field for the exercise of the peculiar talents of M. Fancou, the learned editor of *L'Intermédiaire*. Ever interesting and reliable, this magazine has now been issued for twenty-five years, during which it has satisfactorily solved over 6000 questions, printed 50,000 answers to queries, and published more than 8000 hitherto unedited letters and documents, in the domain of literature, science, history and art. Of these the earlier numbers are difficult to obtain; but full sets of the sixteen volumes, issued under the present editor, can be obtained by present subscribers at 5 francs per volume. A set of these, in any library, increases its value to bibliophiles, numismatists, scholars, artists, historians, amateurs and collectors. It pays no especial attention to genealogy, but many obscurities in French pedigrees and heraldry have found solutions in its columns.

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*Proceedings of the Bostonian Society at the Annual Meeting, January 8, 1889.* Boston: Old State House. Published by order of the Society. 1889. 8vo. pp. 48.

*Proceedings of the Bostonian Society at the Annual Meeting, January 14, 1890.* Boston: Old State House. Published by order of the Society. 1890. 8vo. pp. 46.

The last two annual pamphlets of the Bostonian Society are before us. They contain the annual addresses of the president of the Society, Curtis Guild, for the years 1889 and 1890, with reports of the Board of Directors and the several committees for those years. They show that the Society is faithfully carrying forward its work in promoting the study of the history of Boston and the preservation of its antiquities.

*Address delivered before the Literary Societies of the West Virginia University.* By Hon. S. B. ELKINS of New York, June 11, 1888. Press of Styles & Cash, New York. 8vo. pp. 29.

The subject of Mr. Elkins's address is American Civilization. In it he shows the flattering progress which the civilization of this country has made, and, after noticing the race and labor problems which now confront us, he points out the ways in which our civilization can be advanced and the condition of the people improved. "There are," he says, "reasons to believe that Western Civilization is nearing some great social change, pointing in the direction of the elevation of the people, the practice of virtue, a broader humanity, and a recognition of the doctrine of the brotherhood of man."

*A History of Deepark in Orange County, N. Y.* By PETER E. GUMAER. Published by the Minnisink Valley Historical Society. 1890. 12mo. pp. 206. Price \$1. Address W. H. Nearpass, Corresponding Secretary, Port Jervis, N.Y.

The territory now the town Deepark, N. Y., was first settled in 1690. The Indian name was "Peenpack." Among the settlers was Peter Gumaer, ancestor of the author of this book, Peter E. Gumaer, who was born in that town May 28, 1771, and died December 18, 1869, aged 98 years, 6 months and 20 days.

This history, written some years before the author's death, was left in manuscript by him and is now printed by the Minnisink Valley Historical Society. Much interesting matter relative to the local history and genealogy of the town will be found here.

*History of the Girtys. Being a concise account of the Girty Brothers—Thomas, Simon, James and George, and of their half brother, John Turner; also of the part taken by them in Lord Dunmore's War, in the Western border War of the Revolution, and in the Indian Wars of 1790-95. With a recital of the principal events in the West during these wars, drawn from authentic sources largely original.* By CONSUL WILLSHIRE BUTTERFIELD, author of an "Historical Account of the Expedition against Sandusky under Col. William Crawford in 1782," etc. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1890. 8vo. pp. 426. Cloth. Price \$3.50.

A valuable volume, well printed, on good paper, worthy of the imprint of its publishers, who have earned deserved distinction in the publication of historical works.

The author is unquestionably the best informed of all the writers who have found a theme in the stirring scenes of the expulsion of the Indians from Pennsylvania and Ohio. His range of authorities, exhibited at length in the Appendix, is wide and comprehensive. While modifying largely the character of the most prominent of the brothers, Simon Girty, and freeing Ohio history from hitherto accepted errors, it is thoroughly consistent with established facts and harmonious with frontier life. It establishes the true position of Simon Girty in American history, as a loyalist, illiterate and rough, who assimilated readily with the savages among whom his mature life was spent, but not entirely destitute of the humanity which distinguishes the white man. At all times, unflinching in his loyalty to the British Crown, in whose service he found a life tenure, as an Indian interpreter, he was of powerful influence in maintaining the Indian claim to the territory west and north of the Ohio river, in keeping their chiefs resolute in the determination to oppose white settlements within that limit, and in organizing, and sometimes leading, marauding expeditions against the pioneers, whom no savage more ruthlessly scourged or more cruelly treated. He was a product of the thriftless, degraded class, everywhere intermixed with the Scotch-Irish emigrants, from whom sprang Kenton, Boone and Crockett, and others not so celebrated. The chief difference seems to have been that Girty willingly cast his lot with the Indians, who had no more implacable foe than the others. At the close of the War of the Revolution he settled in Canada, as a pensioner of the Crown, and, in the decay of the fortunes of his Indian friends and companions, became poor, drunken and miserable.

This relation of the career of these notorious brothers is a result of careful and pains-taking sifting of documents, narrative accounts published by returned captives, life sketches of prominent leaders and actors in the struggle, and official reports of the various expeditions and campaigns. It commences in Pennsylvania on the Susquehanna, and accompanies the receding natives till the defeat of Tecumseh. It is full of interest as a biography and as a history of events in border warfare, when the issue was uncertain and every-day life perilous. The volume is timely and fills a long-felt want.

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*Jacob and Japheth: Bible Growth and Religion, from Abraham to Daniel.* By the Rev. EDWARD COWLEY, D.D., Author of "God in Creation." New York: T. Whittaker. 1890. Pp. xii. 256. 12mo. Price \$1.25, by mail \$1.35.

This is an attempt to grapple with the polemic of modern objectors to the Old Testament. While popular in form the book shows much and varied reading. Unlike most works on the subject, it does not require a special training, or a critical acquaintance with the sacred tongues, in order to be able to read it, or comprehend the scope of its argumentations. The merely English scholar can follow and master the arrangement and force of the evidence and reasoning. For the Sunday School teacher, intelligent private Christian, and even the preacher who has let his Greek and Hebrew grow rusty for want of use, this book is much more useful than any merely technical treatise appealing to a limited circle of professional readers. "Alliteration's artful aid" has probably

made the title what it is. Yet "Jacob and Japheth" is by no means an exhaustive division of even Noah's two sons, Shem and Japheth. It is an open question whether some of the ancient peoples mentioned in Scripture were not wholly or partly Hamites. The *Goyim*, or Gentiles, include all mankind but the Israelites, who do not include all the Shemites. This, however, is a mere trifle—a matter of nomenclature. What is the work good for? That, in such cases, is the chief inquiry. Adepts are aware that, since Spinoza and Astruc and Simon began to unsettle faith in the unity and integrity of the Pentateuch and other parts of the Old Testament, learned men in Germany have labored hard to unweave the texture of the Old Testament, by means of what they have called "the higher criticism." They have professed, without any external evidence whatever, to be able to show how whole books are supposititious, being attributed to authors who never wrote a word of them, as these "higher" critics declare—Moses not writing Deuteronomy, David not writing the Psalms, Solomon not writing his Song, his Proverbs, his Ecclesiastes, there being a bogus Isaiah who wrote half of the present book of prophecies, Daniel having no finger in his book, and so forth; they have also assumed to distinguish differences of authorship in the same chapter, even in the same verse, even as regards single words. About the only man that has tried to grapple with them on their own field—philology—is Prof. W. H. Green of Princeton. Our author takes a different course. He points out the self-contradictions of these higher critics, their perversions of plain Scripture, their condemnation by the evidence of the monuments of Egypt, Babylon and Assyria, and also how these destructive critics—Kuenen, Renan, Wellhausen, Robertson, Smith and Driver—refute one another. Renan's recent "History of the People of Israel" obtains a large share of attention. The religion of the early Shemites is shown to have been vastly superior to the caricature given of it by the critics. As regards God, love for kin, and purity in the sexual relationships, it was far above any other form of faith then existing. Nor could this be racial idiosyncrasy only; it was the fruit of a Divine revelation—immediate tuition by God. Much of the unity discerned in ancient cults may be attributed to traditions common to the race. At first Accadians, Egyptians, and Hebrews had a monotheistic faith, which, in later times, only the last named preserved. The chapter on Abraham and his position in history is very instructive. But our limits preclude a full, or even a meagre analysis of the author's course of treatment. Step for step he goes, with Renan, Wellhausen and others, all the march of the centuries from Abraham to Daniel. He is at home among the archaeologists. Their results, the most recent as well as the earlier, he turns to good account. How the Bible grew to be the wonderful book it is our author clearly describes, while he vindicates its supernatural character and authority. The work deserves perusal and circulation, were it but for the author's effort, not unsuccessful either, to bring recondite lore within the range of the mass of the reading public, hitherto debarred from such studies.

*By the Rev. Robert Court, D.D., of Lowell, Mass.*

*The Greenville Baptist Church in Leicester, Massachusetts. Exercises on the 150th Anniversary of its Formation, September 28, 1888; including a Historical Discourse by the Pastor, and Addresses Commemorative of its First Pastor, Rev. Thomas Green, M.D. Worcester: C. F. Lawrence & Co., Printers. 1889. 8vo. pp. 126. Price \$1. Sold by George E. Littlefield, 67 Cornhill, Boston, Mass.*

On the 28th of September, 1738, a Baptist Church was formed at Leicester, Mass., of which Thomas Green became the pastor. The sesqui-centenary of this event was commemorated at Leicester on Friday, Sept. 28, 1888, and the proceedings on this occasion are printed in the volume before us. In the Historical Address by the pastor of the Church, the Rev. Hiram C. Estes, D.D., we are informed that this is the eighth baptist church formed in this State. "In 1663, a baptist church," he tells us, "was formed in Swansea, the first in Massachusetts. Two years later, another was formed in Charlestown, but soon removed to Boston, where it is now known as the First Baptist Church in Boston. In 1693, a third church was formed among the Indians at Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard. From that time it was almost forty years before another was formed in Rehoboth in 1732. Three years later, in 1735, another was formed in Sutton. The next year, in 1736, another, now known as the Church



in Wales, was formed in Brimfield. Again, the next year, in 1737, another was formed in Bellingham. And again, the next year, in 1738, this church, the eighth in Massachusetts, was formed here in Leicester." It is proper to note that Swansea, though now in Massachusetts, was in 1663 in another colony, that of Plymouth.

In the forenoon of the day of celebration, a mural tablet to the memory of the first pastor, Dr. Thomas Green, the gift of Hon. Andrew Haswell Green of New York, a great-grandson of Dr. Green, was presented to the parish, the address being made by Samuel S. Green, A.M., of Worcester, also a descendant of the first pastor, after which an historical address by the present pastor, the Rev. Dr. Estes, was delivered. In the afternoon addresses were made by Hon. Andrew H. Green of New York, Samuel S. Green, A.M., of Worcester; B. D. Marshall, D.D., of Worcester; Rev. D. F. Estes of Holden; Rev. A. H. Coolidge of Leicester; Rev. T. W. Nickerson of Leicester; Rev. Samuel May of Leicester; Mr. Caleb A. Wall of Worcester, and Hon. Charles A. Denny of Leicester. The celebration seems to have been a very interesting one, and the addresses were appropriate and of much literary merit.

*Historical Sketch of Major Joseph Hawley of Northampton, Mass., 1723-1788.* A reprint from the "Hawley Record." By ELLIAS S. HAWLEY. Buffalo, N. Y.: Press of E. H. Hutchinson & Co. 1890. 8vo. pp. 48.

Major Hawley of Northampton was prominent in his day as a lawyer and orator. He was a true patriot, and exerted much influence in political affairs in the early days of the Revolution and in the times immediately preceding it. The memory of his deeds and words was beginning to fade, and Mr. Hawley of Buffalo has done well to gather together the records of what he did and said, and print them in the pamphlet before us. Hawley's "Broken Hints," beginning, "We must fight," a paper shown by John Adams in the fall of 1774 to Patrick Henry, and which met with the rapturous approbation of that patriotic orator, will be found here in full.

*The Memoirs of Gen. Joseph Gardner Swift, LL.D., U.S.A. First Graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point. Chief Engineer, U.S.A., from 1812 to 1818. 1800 to 1865. To which is added a Genealogy of the Family of Thomas Swift of Dorchester, Mass., 1634.* By HARRISON ELLERY, Member of the New-England Historic Genealogical Society. Privately Printed. 1890. Large 4to. pp. 292+59+vil.+xi. Cloth. Price \$6. Sold by F. S. Blanchard & Co., Printers, 154 Front Street, Worcester, Mass.

This book was privately printed for subscribers, but a few copies not subscribed for are now for sale. The memoirs of Gen. Swift, which cover the period from 1800 to 1865, consist mainly of extracts from his diaries. His high character and talents gave him a prominent position, and his observations on men and events are valuable and interesting.

The genealogy of the Swift family descended from Thomas Swift, an early settler of Dorchester, Mass., is the result of thorough research, and much care has been taken to make the dates full and precise. It is well arranged. The book makes about 360 quarto pages printed in large clear type, on heavy laid paper with wide margins, and contains five illustrations of a high order, chiefly portraits.

*The Index Library, being the Index and Calendars issued by the British Record Society.* General editor, W. P. W. PHILLIMORE, M.A., B.C.L., Queen's College, Oxford. London: 4 Lincoln's Inn Fields, W. C. Charles J. Clark, Agent. Jan.—Mar. 1890.

The first quarterly number of the Index Library issued by the newly formed British Record Society is now before us. The Signet Bills Index is concluded, filling 48 pages; Lichfield Wills and Administrations, 1510-1652, continued, filling 32 pages; Chancery Proceedings temp. Charles I. Vol. II. continued, filling 48 pages; and Berkshire Wills and Administrations, 1508-1652, continued, filling 16 pages.

The Signet Bills Index concluded in this number is the fourth completed volume of the Index Library, but the first issued since the formation of the British Record Society. "It is," says Mr. Phillimore in his preface, "a calendar and index to the Bills of Privy Signet, commonly called 'Signet Bills,' for

the period of 1584 to 1624, with the exception of the hiatus 1596-1603, which is however partly filled up by writs of Privy Seal. A Signet Bill is one of the steps which occur in passing Letters Patent under the Great Seal of England; and this volume will consequently afford a clue to the Patent Rolls for that period. Indeed in some instances it gives fuller information, since occasionally the application for letters patent went no further than the preliminary stages, and therefore does not appear upon the Patent Rolls."

It is announced in this number that arrangements have been made with Arthur Vicars, F.S.A., of Dublin, by which his Index to Irish Records will be issued in connection with this Society, and uniform with its publications. The first volume, an Index to Irish Prerogative Wills, 1586-1810, will be put to press as soon as 150 subscribers are obtained at a guinea each.

Since the issue of this number of the Index Library, the British Record Society has been permanently organized. The first general meeting was held in London, May 1, 1890, at which Earl Beauchamp was elected president. Proposals made by the Index Society for amalgamation with this Society were accepted, and have since been confirmed at a general meeting of that Society. The Record Society is to complete the index to the Gentleman's Magazine Obituaries, 1731-1780, of which the first two parts have been printed by the Index Society. After this, separate issues of that Society will be discontinued.

A very important announcement was made that Sir James Hannen, president of the Board of Probate and Divorce, has given permission to the Society to print the calendar to the Prerogative Court of Canterbury wills. This is the new index which Mr. J. C. Challenor Smith, superintendent of the Literary Department of Probate Registry at Somerset House, has been working at for years. It will give a lexicographical index to all wills, 1383-1558, in the P. C. C., with residence and occupation of testators, and every county named in the will, with reference. This for identification will be invaluable. The early official calendars give only the testator's name. The Society hopes to put the first instalment to press soon. The index will be of great use to American genealogists.

The fees of the Society are one guinea a year. After two hundred and fifty members are obtained an entrance fee of half a guinea will be charged. Address the secretary, Mr. William P. W. Phillimore, 124 Chancery Lane, London, England; or either of the local secretaries, Mr. William H. Whitmore, P. O. Box 3478, Boston, Mass., or Mr. R. A. Brock, Richmond, Va.

*The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut from May, 1775, to June, 1776, inclusive. With the Journal of the Council of Safety from June 7, 1775, to October 2, 1776; and an Appendix Containing some Council Proceedings, 1663-1710.* Transcribed and Edited, in accordance with a Resolution of the General Assembly. By CHARLES J. HOADLY, LL.D., State Librarian. Hartford: Press of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company. 1890. 8vo. pp. iv.+617.

This is the fifteenth and concluding volume of the printed Records of the Colony of Connecticut. Including the two volumes of Records of New Haven Colony, seventeen printed volumes of Connecticut records have appeared. The publication was begun by J. Hammond Trumbull, LL.D., forty years ago, under a resolution of the General Assembly of the state, passed in May, 1849, which authorized the Secretary of State to purchase, at a price not exceeding two dollars a copy, for the use of the state, two hundred and fifty copies of a publication of the Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut prior to the union with the New Haven Colony under the charter of 1662. The work was completed in a volume of about 600 pages, and was published in 1850.

In 1851, the Assembly authorized the purchase from Mr. Trumbull of the same number of copies of a volume containing the records from 1665 to 1678, at \$2.50 a copy. The volume was published in 1852. In 1853, a resolution was passed authorizing the purchase of the same number of copies at the same price of a volume of the records from 1677 to 1689, "including a selection of such documents in the state archives, as illustrate the history of the colony during the usurpation of Sir Edmund Andros." This, the third and last volume of Dr. Trumbull's publication of the Records, was published in 1859.

In May, 1856, a resolution was passed by the Connecticut General Assembly authorizing the secretary to purchase at the same price per volume the same number of copies of the records of the Colony of New Haven prior to its union with Connecticut, to be edited by Charles J. Hoadly, the state librarian. The

work was completed in two volumes, which appeared in the years 1857 and 1858. The first volume of the records of the Colony of Connecticut edited by Dr. Hoadly was the fourth of the series, and began with the proceedings at a special court held at Hartford, August 29, 1689. It was "transcribed and edited in accordance with resolutions of the General Assembly" and was published in 1868.

The present volume, which is the twelfth that Dr. Hoadly has edited, or, including the New Haven records, the fourteenth, finishes the records of Connecticut as a colony. The public records here printed begin May 11, 1775, and end June 18, 1776, and the records of the Council of Safety are from June 18 to October 2, 1776. An appendix of valuable records and documents closes the volume. On the 10th of October, 1776, the first session of the first General Assembly of the State was held; and we trust that provision will be made for printing the State Records.

Connecticut has now a printed copy of all that is preserved of her records as a colony, edited with great industry, learning and conscientious care. The volumes have been printed under acts of the Assembly which authorized the purchase of the several volumes as they appeared at specified prices, the editors taking the risk of being fully remunerated for their outlay and services. The people of the state and antiquaries of this country are under great obligations to Drs. Trumbull and Hoadly for their zeal and fidelity. The labors of the latter extend over a third of a century.

*Blodget's Plan of the Battle on the Shores of Lake George, 8 September, 1755.*

*Remarks made before the Massachusetts Historical Society, March 13, 1890.*

By SAMUEL ABBOTT GREEN, M.D. With a fac-simile of the Plan. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1890. 8vo. pp. 6.

A bound volume of the *Boston Gazette and Country Journal*, running from April 14 to Dec. 29, 1755, formerly belonging to the Rev. Dr. Abel Holmes, was presented by his son, John Holmes, Esq., to the Massachusetts Historical Society in 1883. Attached by wafers to the number for Sept. 15, 1755, containing a reference to the battle between the French and English on the shores of Lake George, when Gen. Johnson defeated and captured Baron Dieskau, was found a rare engraving of that battle, showing the engagement of the troops and giving a plan of the English encampment. The plan was drawn by Samuel Blodget, and engraved on copper by Thomas Johnston, a native of Boston.

Dr. Green has been able to trace the history of the engraving, and to give us the date of its publication. It was published at Boston, Dec. 22, 1755, and was accompanied by a pamphlet by Mr. Blodget containing a short history of the battle and an explanation of the engraving. Mr. Blodget, who was a sutler to the English troops and was present when the battle was fought, was afterwards a trader in Boston. A sketch of his life, by the Hon. Chandler E. Potter, was printed in the *Farmer's Monthly Visitor*, Manchester, June, 1852, and also in his history of Manchester, N. H., pp. 525-37. Dr. Green gives us some interesting details relative to Messrs. Blodget and Johnston, and also to the pamphlet and the engraving. A fac-simile of the engraving is given. Mr. Johnston, who died in Boston, May 8, 1767, besides being an engraver was a heraldic painter.

*Report of the Council of the American Antiquarian Society, at the Annual Meeting October 23, 1889, at the hall of the Society in Worcester.* By ANDREW P. PEABODY, D.D. Worcester, Mass., U. S. A.: Press of Charles Hamilton. 1890. 8vo. pp. 31.

In the first part of his report, Dr. Peabody gives interesting biographical sketches of three former members of the Society, namely: Peleg W. Chandler, Rev. Henry W. Foote, and Thomas C. Amory. All lovers of history cannot but be grateful to him for setting forth the true account of the Boston Massacre (so called) in his notice of Mr. Chandler.

After remarking in his admirable essay which follows, entitled "The Farmer's Weekly Museum," that there were no great publishers in this country in the last or in the early years of the present century, he goes on to say that "the paper which contributed most largely to the literature of its time and to the nurture of American literature in the first half-century of our national existence, was the 'Farmer's Weekly Museum,' of Walpole, New Hampshire. . . The paper

was started April 11, 1798, under the title of 'The New Hampshire Journal; or, The Farmer's Weekly Museum,' but April 4, 1797, assumed the name of "The Farmer's Weekly Museum, and New Hampshire and Vermont Journal," which it retained, not without several changes, till, after a lingering decline and some brief periods of suspended animation, it expired for lack of patronage, October 15, 1810."

In his biographical notices of Joseph Dennie (the editor), and of Royal Tyler, Thomas Green Fessenden, David Everett, Isaac Story, and Joseph Tinker Buckingham (contributors), he gives interesting accounts of the personality and work of these men. He also throws much light upon the history and literature of this period, which his exhaustive studies in this—among divers departments of learning—enables him so well to do. The Report throughout abounds in careful research and is enlivened by delicate and graceful wit.

I cannot forbear quoting the following eloquent passage from the summary of the Report. Dr. Peabody says: "I have examined such of the writings of all these men as I could find, and what impresses me most strongly with regard to all of them, is the purity of their style and their mastery of the resources of their native tongue. They were much better writers than the average of those who, in our own time, are especially praised as good writers. For this there are two reasons. One is that they did not aim at style,—an aim that always misses fire. The other is that they were fed on good books,—on books written while authorship was still one of the fine arts, before book-making became a trade without an apprenticeship. Every one then read the Spectator, and though these men were none of them servile imitators, the prose of all of them has constantly reminded me of my own early converse with that wonderful repertory of the purest, most euphonious, most graceful English ever written."

At the close he gives three letters of Joseph Dennie's, concerning the relative merits of Hume's and Beattie's writings, which might well serve as an antidote to the sceptical thought of our day.

*By the Rev. Daniel Rollins, of Millville, Mass.*

*The History of the Virginia Federal Convention of 1788, with some Account of the Eminent Virginians of that Era who were Members of the Body.* By HUGH BLAIR GRIGSBY, LL.D. *With a Biographical Sketch of the Author and Illustrative Notes.* Edited by R. A. BROCK, Corresponding Secretary and Librarian of the Society. Volume I. Richmond, Virginia: Published by the Society. 1890. 8vo. pp. 872.

The late Hon. Hugh Blair Grigsby, whose writings have done so much to preserve the history of Virginia, his native state, wrote histories of the three Virginia Conventions of 1776, 1788 and 1829, the first and last held to form or amend State Constitutions, and the second to ratify the Constitution of the United States. The titles of these works are:

Discourse on the Virginia Convention of 1829–30, before the Virginia Historical Society, December 15, 1853.

Discourse on the Virginia Convention of 1776, delivered before the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg, July 8, 1855.

Discourse on the Virginia Convention of 1788, before the Virginia Historical Society, February 22, 1858.

This last work Mr. Brock has printed in the volume before us, which is the ninth volume of the New Series of the Collections of the Virginia Historical Society. The editor has prefixed to the work an interesting biographical sketch of Mr. Grigsby, and has added valuable notes on the work itself. The book, besides reports of the speeches of delegates as far as they could be obtained, has life-like descriptions, by Mr. Grigsby, of the prominent speakers in the convention.

The delegates who assembled at Richmond, in June, 1788, to take action on the Constitution formed at Philadelphia the year previous, were a remarkable body of men, for ability, patriotism and learning, and as their State was the largest in the Confederation and was the home of Washington, it is no wonder that the action of this convention was watched with interest. The friends of the Constitution and its opponents were about equally divided, and there was doubt, even to the last, which party would triumph. At the convention in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegates had been dissatisfied with the Constitution, and three only of its

seven delegates had signed it. "At no moment," says Mr. Grigsby, "from its promulgation till the meeting of the first Congress, would the new system have received more than one third of the popular vote."

The convention after a full discussion ratified the Constitution by a vote of 89 ayes to 79 noes, a very small majority, on Wednesday, the 25th of June, four days after the vote of New Hampshire had decided that a union should be formed. If the result had been different, George Washington would not have been the first president of the United States. It may have been that Massachusetts would have furnished for this office John Hancock or some other of her public men; but no one would have had the prestige and matchless qualifications of Washington. It is fortunate for the nation that Virginia did not delay her assent till the amendments she desired were made part of the Constitution.

*Woburn Records of Births, Deaths and Marriages. From 1640 to 1873. Part*

I. Births Alphabetically and Chronologically Arranged. By EDWARD F. JOHNSON. Woburn, Mass.: Andrews, Cutler & Co. 1890. 8vo. pp. 297.

We are happy to call the attention of our readers to this volume, as it is another evidence that our Massachusetts towns are awaking to the importance of preserving their records in print. The editor of this volume is the Hon. Edward F. Johnson, mayor of Woburn, Massachusetts, and a lineal descendant of one of the early New England historians, Edward Johnson, author of the *Wonder Working Providence*. Mr. Johnson has been interested in the records of his native city for several years, and we congratulate him on being able to lay them before his fellow citizens in print so early in his mayoralty. We are informed that the Marriages and Deaths are in preparation, and that another volume will probably be issued during the year. Mr. Johnson deserves great credit for the labor which he has gratuitously bestowed in the preparation of these records. They originally were printed in the Annual Report of the town. A small edition has been reprinted separately, at Mayor Johnson's expense, for private distribution.

*Families of the Wyoming Valley, Biographical, Genealogical and Historical.*

*Sketches of the Bench and Bar of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.* By GEORGE B. KULP. In three volumes. Volume III. Wilkes-Barré, Pennsylvania: 1890. Royal 8vo. Price \$7.50, by mail \$7.72.

The first volume of this valuable work was published in 1885. A very full notice of it was published by us in January, 1886. The second volume appeared last year and was noticed by us in July, 1889. The third and concluding volume, now before us, like its predecessors is a work of much merit. It continues the series of sketches of the lives of members of the Luzerne County bar. "In collating faithfully," says Mr. Kulp, "the incidents of moment in the careers of those who have practised the profession of the law in Luzerne County, and of the judges of its courts, and in giving such attention as was possible and proper to the genealogies in each case, the author has, of necessity, had to deal with practically every family of note in the Wyoming valley, and has brought into review almost every prominent fact in their history and the history of the Valley itself." Appended are lists of the judges and lawyers of Luzerne County, living and dead. An index to the three volumes is given.

*Collections and Proceedings of the Maine Historical Society.* Antiquitatis Monumenta Colligere. Portland, Me.: Published for the Society by Brown Thurston & Company. 8vo. Issued quarterly. Subscription price \$3 a year.

*Enoch Lincoln.* Read before the Maine Historical Society, December 23, 1882. By EDWARD H. ELWELL. 8vo. pp. 21.

In January last the Maine Historical Society commenced the publication of a quarterly periodical with the above title. Two parts are before us, those for January and April, each containing 112 octavo pages. The Quarterly is under the superintendence of the Hon. George F. Talbot, as editor, assisted by William B. Lapham, M.D., Prof. Henry L. Chapman and William M. Sargent as a publishing committee. We commend this periodical to the patronage of historical and antiquarian students. The January number contains the following papers read before the Society, namely: Gen. Henry Knox (with portrait), by the Hon. Joseph Williamson; The French Treaty of 1778, by the Hon. Wil-

llam Gould; Rev. William Screven, by the Rev. Henry S. Burrage, D.D.; The Four Judges of North Yarmouth (Powell, Mason, Mitchell and Lewis), by Amasa Loring; John E. Godfrey, by Albert W. Paine: and The Mission of the Assumption on the Kennebec, 1646-52, by Gen. John Marshall Brown. This number also contains a report of the proceedings of the Society from February to May, 1881; a list of the members in 1890, and other matters.

The April number contains these papers read before the Society, namely: Cyrus Woodman (with a portrait), by George F. Emery; William Gorges's Administration, 1630-37, by Charles Edward Banks, M.D.; A Topographical Surmise, locating the houses of Gorges and Godfrey at York, Me., by William M. Sargent; Enoch Lincoln, by Edward H. Elwell; Capital Trials in Maine before the Separation, by Hon. Joseph Williamson; The Enterprise and Boxer, by Fritz H. Jordan; and John Gilmore Deane (with a map), by Llewellyn Deane. The number also contains a report of the proceedings of the Society from May, 1881, to December, 1882, with other matters of interest.

The pamphlet on Enoch Lincoln is a reprint from the April number of the Collections and Proceedings, above noticed. It is an interesting memoir of Gov. Lincoln of Maine as a lawyer, a poet, a citizen, and as the chief executive of the State.

*Catalogue of Books, Pamphlets and Manuscripts belonging to the Huguenot Society of America, deposited in the Library of Columbia College. With an Introduction by the Literary Committee of the Society.* Compiled by ELIZABETH G. BALDWIN. Published by the Society. New York. 1890. Royal 8vo. pp. 107.

The Huguenot Society of America, whose object is "to perpetuate the memory and foster and promote the principles and virtues of the Huguenots," have in pursuance of their plan collected a special library of the history and literature of the Huguenots which they have deposited in the Library of Columbia College in New York city. A classified catalogue of the library has been prepared by Miss Baldwin and is here printed. In it the titles are given with precision, and they are well arranged under the different heads. The catalogue shows the library to be a valuable one for the purposes of the Society. The book is handsomely printed in a clear type, on fine paper, with wide margins.

*Proceedings of the Department of Superintendence of the National Education Association at its Meeting in Washington, March 6-8, 1889.* Washington: Government Printing Office. 1889. 8vo. pp. 300.

*History of Federal and State Aid to higher Education in the United States.* By FRANK W. BLACKMAR, Ph.D. Washington: Government Printing Office. 1890. 8vo. pp. 848.

The two works before us are two numbers of the valuable "Circulars of Information" issued by the United States Bureau of Education, the former being No. 2 of 1889, and the latter No. 1 of 1890.

The proceedings at the meeting in Washington in March of last year, of which we have a report, with the addresses, papers and discussions on that occasion, are very interesting, and good results cannot fail to follow them.

Mr. Blackmar's work is the ninth of the "Contributions to American Educational History," edited by Prof. Herbert B. Adams, Ph.D., of the Johns Hopkins University, which series the Commissioner on Education has included in his Circulars. This is a very valuable monograph. "It represents," says Commissioner Dawson, "the progress of the State idea in education from the foundation of the colonies to the present time. It shows the attitude of each colony and of each subsequent State toward colleges and universities, and recounts that part of the legislative and financial history which relates to advanced learning in the several Commonwealths."

*Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire for the Year 1888.* Volume XL. New Series, Volume IV. Liverpool: Printed for the Society. 1890. 8vo. pp. xx.+198.

We have before us the fortieth annual volume of the Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, of which the Bishop of Chester is president. It has been edited by Richard Duncan Radcliffe, M.A., of Liverpool, the honorary secretary of the Society, who so ably edited the previous volume. The book contains well written papers illustrating the history of the two

counties, and showing praiseworthy research. Many of them are illustrated by appropriate engravings. The first and much the longest article is the Notes on Book-Plate by J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A., a reprint of which was noticed by us in our January number. Other papers are, Notes on the Early History of the Church of Strathclyde, by Andrew E. P. Gray, M.A., F.S.A.; The Mock Corporations of Rochdale, by J. P. Easwaker, M.A., F.S.A.; Some Account of Garston and the Ancient Chapel of St. Michael, formerly existing there, by Edward W. Cole; Antiquities of the Meole Shore, by Charles Potter; Municipal Precedence in the Sixteenth Century, by E. M. Hance, LL.B.; Schedule of Deeds, chiefly relating to Warrington, late the property of the Marceys of Rixton, by Mrs. Arthur Cecil Tempest; and Selections from the Ancient Papers of the Moore formerly of Liverpool and Bank Hall. Besides these valuable and interesting papers, we have here the report of the Council for 1888, with a list of papers read during that year and a full list of officers and members in December, 1889. The book is elegantly printed and is well indexed.

*The Wights. A Record of Thomas Wight of Dedham and Medfield, and of his Descendants 1635-1890.* By WILLIAM WARD WIGHT, one of his descendants. Milwaukee: Swain & Tate, Printers. 1890. 4to. pp. xi. + 357. Price \$7.50. Address W. W. Wight, 158 and 159 Insurance Building, Milwaukee, Wis.

*Pierce Genealogy, No. IV.; being the Record of the Posterity of Capt. Michael, John, and Capt. William Pierce, who came to this country from England.* By FREDERICK CLIFTON PIERCE of Rockford, Ill. Albany, N. Y.: Published for the Author by Joel Munsell's Sons. 1889. 8vo. pp. 441. Edition limited. Price \$5.

*Vassall Pedigree. 1500 to 1890.* Oblong 4to. 8½ in. by 13½ in. 9 leaves.

*Some of the Descendants of John and Elinor Whitney, who settled in Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1635.* Compiled by WILLIAM L. WHITNEY. Pottsville, Pa.: H. E. Miller, Steam-Power Printer. 1890. 8vo. pp. 101. Private edition, 100 copies.

*Seton of Parbroath in Scotland and America.* Printed for Private Circulation. New York. 1890. Sm. 8vo. pp. 28.

*Capt. John Shackford and Family.* By SAMUEL SHACKFORD of Chicago, Ill. Sm. 8vo. pp. 8.

*Lee of Virginia. Genealogical Notes proving the Error of the Previously Accepted Pedigree.* By J. HENRY LEA, Cedarhurst, Fairhaven, Mass. 8vo. pp. 11.

*Rev. Nicholas Street and his Descendants.* By HENRY A. STREET of New Haven, Ct. 8vo. pp. 3.

We continue in this number our quarterly notices of works relating to genealogy which have recently appeared.

The book on the Wight family, at the head of our list, is a handsome volume of 368 closely printed pages, on fine white paper and with a wide margin. It is evident from an examination of the volume that much labor has been spent in collecting the material and in compiling the book. Thomas Wight the immigrant ancestor of this family is found at Watertown in 1635. In 1637 he settled at Dedham. He took part in the measures for the division of that town, and after the incorporation of Medfield in 1651, removed to the new town where he died. Another Thomas Wight was a signer to the Exeter Combination in 1639, but the author has traced no relationship between the two. The book is divided into fourteen chapters, ten of which are devoted to Thomas Wight and nine generations of his descendants. The next chapter gives an account of persons of the surname in this country not descended from Thomas. Two chapters are devoted to the Wights of Great Britain; but, though attempts have been made to connect the American family with the English, and the author in his researches has visited the mother country and collected considerable material, the attempts have not thus far proved successful. The last chapter contains corrections and additions. Mr. Wight deserves credit for the thorough manner in which he has performed his work. "When," he tells us, "my task was undertaken in 1869, it was supposed that the labor and expense would be slight, and I hoped and expected to distribute the volume gratuitously. The thought of merchandizing with my kin was distasteful to me. But the work

has developed so largely and the expense has passed so far beyond my ability to bear it alone that I must request those desiring to own the Genealogy to help me carry the burden."

The next book, that on the Pierce family, is by Col. Frederick C. Pierce, formerly of Barre, Mass., now of Rockford, Ill. He is the author of several historical and genealogical books, among which may be named the *History of Grafton*, 1879, and the *Peirce Genealogy*, 1880. The latter book is a record of the descendants of John Pers, an early settler of Watertown. (See REGISTER, volume 35, p. 111.) There were a number of different families of Pierce or Peirce in New England besides those whose records Col. Pierce has given in the above named book and in the volume before us. Not much has been printed concerning the other families except those descended from Abraham Peirce of Plymouth, 1623, Thomas Pierce of Charlestown, 1634, and Daniel Pierce of Newbury, 1634. The descendants of Abraham are given in a volume of 490 pages by Gen. E. W. Peirce, published in 1870; those of Thomas in a volume of 364 pages, by Frederic Beach Pierce, assisted by F. C. Pierce, published in 1882; and those of Daniel in a pamphlet of 11 pages by Col. A. H. Hoyt, published in 1875. The book under review shows much research and is carefully compiled. It is well printed and has a good index.

The book on the Vassall family has been sent to us by Capt. Spencer Vassall F. Henslowe, of Colchester, England, late of the 73d regiment in the British Army, who has long been interested in the genealogy of the family, and to whom the author acknowledges indebtedness. The book is compiled by the Rev. William Vassall, rector of Wear-Gifford in Devonshire. The family was a prominent one in Massachusetts in colonial and provincial days. The late Mr. Amory describes some of its historic mansions in the REGISTER, vol. 25, pages 39-44, and Mr. Harris has two elaborate articles on its genealogy in volume 17, pages 56-61 and 113-128. In a series of tabular pedigrees much information is here given of the family. This will particularly interest those who wish to trace the descendants of the Massachusetts Vassalls and their kindred.

The Whitney book is by William Lebbeus Whitney, a graduate of Dickinson College, and a member of the Pottsville bar. It gives considerable information not found in Bond's Watertown nor in the additions to Bond of H. A. Whitney and Dr. Harris in the REGISTER for April and July, 1857, and July, 1858. The book is carefully compiled, handsomely printed and well indexed.

The Seton genealogy is, we presume, by Monsignor Robert Seton, rector of St. Joseph's Church in Jersey City, N. Y. The family is traced to Dougall or Dugdale de Setoun, who lived in Scotland in the time of Alexander I. The great-grandfather of the compiler, William Seton, Esq., born at Parbroath April 24, 1746, came to this country in 1758 and settled at New York. The genealogy is quite full in the line traced and is well compiled.

The Shackford genealogy was prepared by Mr. Shackford of Chicago, for Kilby's "Eastport and Passamaquoddy," noticed by us in January, 1889, and is reprinted from that book. Capt. Shackford, an account of whom and his descendants is here given, was born in Newbury, Mass., and settled at Eastport in 1783.

The pamphlets on the Lee and Street families are reprints from the REGISTER.

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## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

THE HISTORIOGRAPHER OF THE NEW-ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.—In the *Cambridge Chronicle*, June 26, 1852, was printed a notice of the first volume of the fourth series of the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, written by the late Charles Deane, LL.D. In this notice, Dr. Deane, after giving an interesting bibliographical account of the thirty-one volumes of the Collections of that society, remarks:

"We regret to say that the Library of the Historical Society itself does not contain the materials for a bibliographical history of its own Collections."

This remark was occasioned by the author's being obliged to obtain from his friend, the late Samuel Gardner Drake, A.M., important materials used by him



in that article. The Massachusetts Historical Society, I think, lost no time in supplying the want here complained of.

Three years after the article appeared in the *Cambridge Chronicle*, August 1, 1855, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Dean Dudley, Isaac Child and Hiram Wellington, was chosen by the New-England Historic Genealogical Society to revise its By-Laws. Though not on the committee myself, I was frequently consulted by the chairman, in regard to the revision. It occurred to me that this was a good time to have an office created for preserving materials for the history of the society. I therefore prepared a By-Law which I handed to Mr. Dudley, who approved of it, and submitted it to his committee, by whom it was incorporated into the code reported to the society. The By-Law was as follows:

"Article 10.—An Historiographer shall be chosen at the annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to collect and preserve materials for a history of the society, and for biographies of its members. Whenever it is deemed advisable, he shall prepare the same for publication."

The code was adopted October 3, 1855. The above By-Law was subsequently amended in some particulars. In its amended form it is still in force.

The principal object sought being the preservation of materials for the history of the society, in its own library, as suggested by Dr. Deane's article, I chose as the designation of the officer, the name, historiographer. The first person chosen to this office was Joseph Palmer, M.D., whose tastes were decidedly for biography, in which he excelled. He began preparing memoirs of the deceased members as their deaths occurred, and reading them at the monthly meetings of the society. His example was followed by his successors. Though the object which led me to frame the By-Law was lost sight of, a vast collection of biography has been gathered by the society; but the preservation of materials for its history was left to the librarian. By listening to the memoirs read at the meetings, no doubt the late William Blanchard Towne, A.M., was led to establish the Towne Memorial Fund, for printing memoirs of the deceased members of the society, at the charge of which four elegant volumes of "Memorial Biographies", have been issued. This statement I trust will explain why the person who writes memoirs of the members is styled the *historiographer*.

JOHN WARD DEAN.

VITAL RECORD OF RHODE ISLAND, 1636-1850.—Mr. James N. Arnold, editor of the *Narragansett Historical Register*, of Providence, R. I., has been at work upon the above record for the last seventeen years, and now proposes to commence printing it, the General Assembly having given the work a liberal subscription and authorized its publication. This work will show every Birth, Marriage and Death, with extracts from the Wills and Inventories, of the various towns from the settlement of the State in 1636 to 1850, when the present registration law went into effect. Such a work is invaluable for reference, and cannot but prove of great assistance to those interested in the subject here treated. The General Assembly has certainly done a wise, as well as a prudent thing in encouraging this enterprise. The old records of the towns are constantly endangered from various causes, but if their contents can be preserved in print the danger certainly is materially lessened in regard to the destruction of the facts therein recorded.

Mr. Arnold has shown commendable energy in thus rescuing this historic material from destruction, and the many years he has devoted to the subject ought to recommend him as one suitable for the task. Our best wishes are with Mr. Arnold, that he may realize the fruition of his long cherished hopes, and we heartily congratulate the Assembly upon the forethought shown in encouraging a work so much needed.

Now that Rhode Island has set so noble an example, we trust that other States will follow the example until every one of our old recordbooks has at least an exhaustive abstract, if its entire contents are not preserved in print. Public appropriations of this nature are always wisely made. The interest excited and the value of the matter so preserved will never decrease. Among works sold to-day at the bookstores none realize more satisfactory prices than those concerning local history and genealogy. This interest will increase with the years to come. This fact shows the wisdom of this publication.

The First Volume of this work will comprise the towns of Warwick, Coventry, East and West Greenwich (Kent County entire), embracing the original

limits of Warwick settled in 1642, one of the original towns of the State. The price of the volume will be for the present \$4.50. It will contain 500 pages of text printed in the best style of the art, upon a superior quality of paper.

THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY commemorated the one-hundredth anniversary of the death of its illustrious founder and first President, Benjamin Franklin, in Philadelphia, on the 17th of April. The following committee of arrangements was appointed: Charles Oliver, M.D., chairman, Henry Phillips, Jr., Arthur Biddle, William John Potts, Dr. William H. Greene. Five eminent speakers delivered addresses on this occasion, which it is proposed to publish in a memorial volume possessing public interest as bearing on the various characteristics of Franklin. The Biography by John Bach McMaster; his Association with the Society by the venerable President Frederick Fraley, now in his eighty-seventh year; as a Literary Man by Prof. G. Brown Goode of the Smithsonian Institution; as a Savan by Prof. John W. Holland of the Jefferson University, Philadelphia; as a Diplomat by Prof. Henry M. Baird of the University of New York. These able papers, a valuable addition to the history of Franklin, brought together a very distinguished audience on this occasion.

BRAINTREE'S QUARTER MILLENNARY.—The town of Braintree, Massachusetts, commemorated its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary on Thursday, May 22, 1890, by a national salute, the ringing of bells, a procession, a dinner and addresses, fireworks, a promenade concert and a ball. Following the dinner a carefully prepared historical address by Samuel A. Bates, Esq., was delivered; after which addresses were made by Gov. John Q. A. Brackett, Hon. Alanson W. Beard, Lieut.-Gov. William H. Haile, Gen. Benjamin F. Butler, Mayor Porter of Quincy, and Mr. Henry K. Tufts, the last gentleman representing New Braintree, Mass. An historical sermon at the First Congregational Church was preached by the pastor, Rev. Alfred A. Ellsworth, on the previous Sunday, May 18th. The celebration was very successful. The proceedings are reported in full in the *Braintree Observer*, May 24, 1890.

COMMEMORATION AT PHILADELPHIA OF THE BATTLE OF LEXINGTON.—A large congregation attended the services at old Christ Church, Philadelphia, April 20, in commemoration of the Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington, being the Sunday following that event. The Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution had their First Annual Sermon on this occasion. They were accompanied by the Society of the Cincinnati, the Loyal Legion, and the City Troop, the latter in full uniform. The societies wore their decorations. The church was tastefully dressed with flags, and a full choir gave appropriate music. An eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Geo. Woolsey Hodge, from the text, "The Lord our God be with us as he was with our Fathers" (1st Kings, 8 chap. 57 verse). The Rector, the Rev. Dr. Foggo, Rev. Alfred Langdon Elwyn, Rev. Dr. Buchanan, and the Rev. Joseph F. Garrison, took part in the Services, which were attended by many distinguished persons.

Camden, N. J.

WILLIAM JOHN POTTS.

THE ALGONQUIN,—the fifth of the series of elaborate bibliographies of North American Indian languages, compiled by James Constantine Pilling and issued by the Bureau of Ethnology, it is understood will come out sometime this year. A most interesting feature of it will be the portion relating to John Elliot, furnished by that accomplished bibliographer and learned student in the Indian languages, Wilberforce Eames.

Mr. Eames has taken pains to trace as far as practicable—not to say as far as possible, though his work has been very thorough—the history of every known copy or part of a copy of the Elliot Bible.

Of course an Elliot Bible is a mere infant compared with a Gutenberg Bible, but as several copies are known to have been the property of Indians until within a comparatively short time, their vicissitudes must have been many and their preservation seems marvellous.

Not less interesting is the history of some copies that have all their lives worn good clothes and kept genteel company.

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ALLEN AND ARNOLD AT TICONDEROGA.—Mr. George W. Harman contributes an interesting article, with the above title, to *The Banner*, Bennington, Vt., May, 8, 1890. He treats in detail of two disputed questions: first, the true date of the capture of Ticonderoga; and secondly, the language of Ethan Allen on demanding the surrender of the fort. In regard to the first he furnishes ample evidence that the fort was captured on the 10th of May, 1775, and not on the 11th as has been recently claimed. In regard to Allen's language, Mr. Harman notices Mr. Todd's contribution to the *REGISTER* (*ante*, p. 171), commenting on a previous communication by Mr. Harman to the *Bennington Banner*, April 25, 1889; and gives reasons for his previously expressed opinion that Allen used both of the expressions attributed to him. In regard to the presence of Arnold at the capture, which has been denied, Mr. Harman decides that Allen and Arnold entered side by side.

Mr. E. S. Willcox, of Peoria, Ill., writes to the editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, a letter printed in that paper May 3, 1890, in which he states that his grandfather who was at the capture informed him that he followed close behind Allen and heard all he said, and that his reply to the inquiry of the British commander was, "In the name of God 'l Mighty and the Continental Congress."

PAUL REVERE.—A prospectus has been issued by the J. G. Cupples Company, 94 Boylston St., Boston, Mass., for a work entitled, "Paul Revere; Patriot, Artist and Mechanic. The Story of a man of Genius. By Elbridge Henry Goss." The work will appear in two volumes. An edition of 600 copies, small 8vo., tastefully printed on a specially made paper and handsomely bound, will be issued to subscribers at \$6 for the set. An edition de luxe of 100 copies will also be issued at \$10 for the set. The work will be embellished with illustrations, comprising portraits, historical scenes, old and quaint localities, reproductions of curious and obsolete cuts, including many of Paul Revere's own caricatures and engravings, executed as photogravures, etchings and wood-cuts, and many of them printed in colors. Mr. Goss has been a long time engaged in collecting materials for this book, and his skill as a writer cannot fail to make it an interesting as well as a valuable work.

RESTORATION OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH, KENNINGHALL, ENGLAND.—This ancient parish, known to antiquaries as Cynninghala and Cheninkehala of Domesday Book and as the residence of Royalty, at the ancient seat of the Dukes of Norfolk at the Kenninghall Place or Palace, is highly distinguished by the possession of a noble church, which on account of its historic associations holds a worthy position amongst the important churches in the county of Norfolk. Unfortunately since the days of the great benefactors of the church this splendid fabric appears to have suffered much from the unsparing hand of time. A thorough examination has been made by a competent architect, and his estimate for restoration and repairs of the roof, tower, walls, windows, floor, etc., is £1,900; of this sum, £750 has been subscribed. As the parishioners are nearly all concerned in agriculture, the restoration committee appeal to friends of such a worthy cause, far and near, to assist them in their difficult but laudable undertaking. Donations will be received by the vicar, Rev. W. W. Tyler, B.D., Kenninghall Vicarage, Thetford, Norfolk, England.

GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think may be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from college or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of births, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

Allen.—O. P. Allen, Palmer, Mass., is preparing a history and genealogy of the descendants of Joseph Allen of Newport, R. I., b. 1727-8. His father is said to have been Joseph. He had a brother Oliver, a sea captain. His children were Joseph, b. 1764; Betsey, m. Coffin, and Hepzebah, m. Brooks, both hus-

bands being sea captains of Nantucket; and Robert, b. 1767. He died 1804, in Shutesbury, Mass., where he had resided since about 1785. Information wanted concerning their ancestors and descendants.

*Crowninshield.*—A genealogy of this family, tracing in the female as well as the male lines, the descendants of Dr. Johann Caspar Richter von Cronenschild, who came from Germany in the latter part of the seventeenth century, has for the past two years been in the process of compilation for Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Esq., by Mr. Harrison Ellery, a well-known and careful compiler of genealogies. It is now ready for the press, but as genealogies are works that do not particularly interest the public at large, it renders a small edition necessary. It is therefore desirable, before putting it into the printer's hands, to know about how many copies will be taken by the family. The book is expected to consist of some five or six hundred pages and to be illustrated with family pictures and mansions. It has necessarily been a work of considerable expense, and it is to be hoped that a large number of the descendants will be sufficiently interested to subscribe for one or more copies. A few copies will be printed on large paper for those who desire them. Mr. Ellery is authorized by Mr. Crowninshield to receive subscriptions for the work. Price of the octavo edition \$5 a copy, of the large paper (4to) edition \$10. Subscriptions should be addressed to *Mr. Harrison Ellery*, No. 131 Hawthorn St., Chelsea, Mass.

*French.*—Prof. Dwinel French Thompson, of Lansingburgh, New York, a descendant of Edward French of Salisbury, Mass., has, we are informed by A. D. Weld French of Boston, been engaged for many years on a genealogical work on the descendants of his ancestors. He has already examined the records of over fifty towns in New England, and has at the present time five thousand entries. He intends also that this undertaking shall be of special importance to all those bearing the surname of French, whose ancestors arrived in New England prior to the year 1640, and hopes, before he is ready for the publishers, to be in possession of additional information about ancestors in Great Britain. The result of the searches of Prof. Thompson will place his work before the public as the most important genealogical record of the surname of French in this country.

*Martin.*—Dr. Stephen B. Weeks of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, is preparing a genealogy of the family of General Joseph Martin of Virginia (1740-1808). He earnestly desires that all connections and descendants communicate with him, giving full names of parties, dates and places of birth and death, marriages, occupation, education, civil and military services under the United States and Confederate States governments, &c.

*Porter.*—The genealogy of this family, announced by us in July, 1881, is now nearly all printed and will soon be issued. It is devoted to the descendants of John Porter of Windsor, Ct., who came from England, 1638-9, with brief accounts of families allied by marriage. It will be a valuable contribution to genealogical literature. The work will form two volumes of about 500 royal 8vo. pages each, printed on heavy laid paper. Price in cloth, \$16; in paper, \$15. Two copies for \$25. This will barely cover the cost of publication. Address, Henry P. Andrews, or P. Porter Wiggins, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

*Scott.*—O. P. Allen, Palmer, Mass., is preparing a genealogy of the descendants of William Scott of Hatfield, Mass., who m. Hannah, dau. of William Allis, Jan. 28, 1670. Any information relative to the ancestors of William Scott will be gratefully received.

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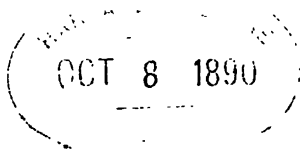
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*Literary Papers of William Austin. With a Biographical Sketch.* By his Son, JAMES WALKER AUSTIN. Boston: Little, Brown and Company. 8vo. pp. xvi.+394. Edition 250 copies. Price \$3, or \$3.17 by mail.

William Austin, whose literary works are collected in this elegant volume, was a native of Charlestown, Mass., having been born there March 2, 1778, nearly three years after the battle of Bunker Hill; was graduated at Harvard College in 1798, went to England in 1802 and became a student at Lincoln's Inn, where he resided about eighteen months. On his return to his native country he engaged in the practice of the law. At college he was the classmate of the Rev. Dr. Channing, Judge Story, and other distinguished characters; and in England he was favored with the friendship of many of the statesmen and orators of the day.

The works in this volume have all appeared before in print. The following is a chronological list of them, with dates and places of publication: 1. "An Oration delivered June 17, 1801, at Charlestown, before the Artillery Company." Charlestown, 1801. 2. "Letters from London" from 1802 to 1803. Boston, 1804. 3. "The Human Character of Jesus Christ." Boston, 1807. 4. "Peter Rugg, the Missing Man," printed in the *New England Galaxy*, Boston, Sept. 10, 1824. 5. "The Sufferings of a Country Schoolmaster," printed in the same newspaper, Boston, July 8, 1825. 6. "The late Joseph Natterstrom," printed in the *New England Magazine*, Boston, July, 1831. 7. "The Man with the Cloaks," printed in the *American Monthly Magazine*, Boston, January, 1836. 8. "Martha Gardner," printed in the same magazine, December, 1837.

The author of the works here collected exhibits much talent and skill. As a writer of fiction he shows remarkable qualities. He has been termed by Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson, "a Precursor of Hawthorne," and certainly Austin reminds us of Hawthorne more than of any other writer. In speaking of Peter Rugg, the Missing Man, which was published while Hawthorne was a student in college, Higginson says: "The conception is essentially Hawthorne-like; and so are the scene and the accessories. The time to which Rugg's

career dates back is that borderland of which Hawthorne was so fond, between the colonial and the modern period; and the old localities, dates, costumes and even coins are all introduced in a way to remind us of the greater artist. But what is most striking in the tale is what I have called the *penumbra*,—a word defined in astronomy as that portion of space which in an eclipse is partly but not entirely deprived of light; and in painting as the boundary of shade and light, where the one blends with the other. It is this precise gift which has long been recognized as almost peculiar to Hawthorne, among writers of English."

The tale of Joseph Natterstrom, showing the strange temptations which tested and proved his honesty, has originality and merit, and shows the same qualities as Peter Rugg. The same may be said of the other stories, Martha Gardner, the Man with the Cloaks, and the Sufferings of a Country Schoolmaster.

The essay on The Human Character of Jesus Christ is original in argument, and is couched in beautiful language. The subject is treated in a reverent spirit. The author endeavors "to explore a new but indirect source of argument in favor of the divinity of Jesus Christ." He examines in detail, calmly and dispassionately, the events in the life of Jesus as a man, and reveals the traits of character they exhibit. He eloquently defends him from the charge of being an impostor. Considering the day in which it was written, and that the author was under thirty years of age, it shows advanced thought and an independent spirit of investigation.

The oration at Charlestown, in 1801, before the Artillery Company of that town, on the twenty-sixth anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, when the orator was but twenty-three years old, and only three years after he left college, though somewhat florid in style, is a meritorious performance, particularly for so young a person. It is eloquent and patriotic. As Mr. Austin had resided from his youth in the vicinity of the battle-field, and was then speaking to those who had participated in the action, the unqualified manner in which he accords the command to Gen. Putnam is worthy of note.

The Letters from London were also the production of a young man. They were written when Mr. Austin was between the ages of twenty-four and twenty-six. They show a careful habit of observation and much maturity of thought. While in England, he critically studied the manners and customs of England, and writes to his American friend the result of his studies. He analyzes the constitutions of England and the United States, and compares them with each other. Nothing escapes his notice. He saw many of the celebrities of the day, and listened to the eloquence of Pitt, Erskine, Fox, and others. To one fresh from the new world, the sights that passed before his eyes were strange, and they firmly impressed themselves on his memory. These Letters give a vivid picture of the England of fourscore years ago. The reader will derive from them information that it would be difficult for him to procure elsewhere.

A brief memoir of the author by his son, the Hon. James W. Austin of Boston, is prefixed to the volume. In it the chief incidents in his life are detailed, with some remarks upon his character as a writer, a lawyer and a man. Judge Austin acknowledges indebtedness to his friend, Albert Harrison Hoyt, for kind assistance in helping him prepare this work for the press. This volume shows judgment, taste and critical skill. As a monument to a father's memory it will last longer than marble or brass.

*Macalester College Contributions: Department of History, Literature and Political Science.* Number Eight. A Contribution to the Early History of New England. By EDWARD D. NEILL, D.D. St. Paul, Minnesota. 8vo. 11 pages (199-209).

In our January number we noticed Numbers One and Three of this valuable serial which the Rev. Dr. Neill, the president of the college, is issuing. The other numbers published, previous to that whose title heads this notice, are: 2, Books in Macalester Library with annotations in the handwriting of Melancthon; 4, The Devolpment of Trade on Lake Superior, and its tributaries, during the French Regime; 5, Earliest Contest in America on Charter Rights, begun A.D. 1619, in the Virginia Legislature; 6, Notice of a Rare Washington Portrait, also a Description of some Copper Relics of the T. H. Lewis Collection in Macalester Museum of History and Archæology; 7, *Sieur de la Ronde*, the first Navigator of Lake Superior in a Sailing Vessel, and the Pioneer in Copper Mining, with Document now First Printed.

The number of the "Contributions" before us (No. 8) contains some valuable manuscripts never before printed, recently found among the muniments of the city of Exeter, England. They consist of a letter dated December 16, 1623, from Francis Lord Russell, afterwards Earl of Bedford, who had been appointed that year Lord Lieutenant of Devon and the city of Exeter, addressed to his "good friends the Deputie Lieutenants of the Countie and Cittie of Exeter," urging them to further the plantation of New England, as expressed in his Majesty's letters shortly to be brought to them. "Theis," he adds, "are therefore to pray you that according to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> pleasure directed in his letters, in that behalf, you use yo<sup>r</sup> best indeavo<sup>r</sup> and indgements in causing meetings within yo<sup>r</sup> severall divisions and inciting such as in yo<sup>r</sup> wisedomes you thinke fittest and ablest to bee Adventurers in that design." The letter of King James follows, addressed "to the Lord Leiften<sup>ts</sup> of the Countyes of Som<sup>r</sup>sett, Devon and Cornewall." It refers to the royal charter for planting a colony in New England, and adds that "soe greate a worke cannot well be managed to the best advantage w<sup>tho</sup>ut the helpe of more hands and strength then are now employed upon it," and calling upon the western counties to aid in the enterprise. Then follows some "Reasons for settling in New England," eleven in number, apparently accompanying the King's letter. Another document entitled, "Answer to Propositions," is here printed, "evidently," says Dr. Neill, "a draft drawn up by the authorities of Exeter in answer to the letter of Sir Francis Russell." The merchants of Exeter were not pleased with the conditions under the patentees, and suggested that the patents had better be recalled and a new arrangement made for fishing and planting in New England.

The documents, which date only three years after the landing of the Pilgrims, are interesting and valuable for the new light thrown on the colonizing of this region.

*Extracts Relating to the Origin of the American Navy.* Compiled by HENRY E. WAITE. Published by the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Boston. 1890. Royal 8vo. pp. 34. Price 50 cts.

This is a series of extracts from books, newspapers and manuscripts, relating to the beginning of the American Navy, including a brief correspondence between Ex-President John Adams and Vice President Elbridge Gerry on the subject. The first person entrusted by Gen. Washington with the command of a war vessel was Capt. Nicholson Broughton, the instructions to whom are dated September 2, 1775. He sailed on a cruise in the schooner Hannah from Beverly on the 5th of that month. Much concerning the doings of this officer is preserved in these pages, and in an appendix a sketch of the Broughton family is reprinted from the REGISTER. It may well be described as a family of sea-captains. The portraits of three Capt. Broughtons who served in the war of 1812 are given. Mr. Waite's pamphlet will be found very useful.

*The Influence of Sea Power upon History, 1660-1783.* By Capt. A. T. MAHAN, United States Navy. Boston: Little, Brown & Company. 1890. 8vo. pp. xxiv.+557.

The vital importance of naval operations in the wars between great nations has nowhere been more brilliantly set forth than in this handsome volume. The field devoted to examination covers the space intervening between the Cromwellian Commonwealth and the rise of the United States of America. The powers engaged are the English, the Dutch, the French and the Spanish. Great captains and great admirals display the resources of the military and the naval art, with thousands of men and hundreds of guns. The author's aim maintains that maritime supremacy secured the issue of all wars though waged by the most eminent soldiers. The discussion is full and ample, and the conclusions verified by accepted historical facts. We rise from its perusal with the conviction that, if Capt. Mahan has not established his case, he has made a most powerful argument in its favor. He certainly has discussed the history of two very active centuries in a new aspect, and has fully justified those public policies which sustained the efficiency of navies, whether exhibited by England, the Netherlands, or their opponents. Louis XIV. was successful in a series of great wars from the genius of his commanders and the eminent ability of his ministers; but they resulted in the depression, decay and ruin of France, be-



cause the navy was so neglected that the French flag almost disappeared from the ocean. The Netherlands grew wealthy from a most extensive commerce and established colonies of value and importance, so long as they kept up the standard of their navy; but, when the parsimony of the burgomasters retrenched the naval expenditure, factions fomented dissensions, the Executive was massacred and the importance of the United Provinces as a first class power departed from history. Spain, whose dominion once extended over all seas, and whose colonies monopolized all quarters of the globe, who, within the century last previous to the period under examination, had fitted out, for the conquest of England, the most powerful fleet, up to that time, ever seen upon European waters, had sunk so low that pride and character were no longer exhibited in her public administration; and her navy was but an example of the national decline. Portugal, earliest in the race for maritime supremacy, had become so debilitated by the wealth gathered from Brazil and the Indies that, of five hundred millions extracted from those fertile sources, only twenty-five millions in coin remained within the kingdom. As a naval power, she had ceased to be of earthly account. Italy, whose mariners distinguished themselves in the previous centuries, and had built up cities with the revenues of empires, lacked the advantage of national consolidation. Such are the teachings of this interesting and entertaining work. To the naval officer, if not new, it will be valuable because of its presentation, in concise order and with elaborate discussion, of the professional features of notable sea-fights. To the general reader, it will take high rank as a repertory of able surveys and inspection of the leading military operations of two centuries, unsurpassed in magnitude and of profound effect upon mankind.

Capt. Mahan is a graduate of the Naval Academy, who has seen service in the Home, the Gulf and the Asiatic Squadrons and Fleets; who was at one time stationed at the Boston Navy Yard, whence he passed to a professorship at the Naval Academy. He has before written upon naval subjects.

*By George A. Gordon, A.M. of Somerville, Mass.*

*Lewisham Antiquarian Society. A Calendar of Wills relating to the County of Kent. Proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury between 1384 and 1559. Edited by LELAND LEWIS DUNCAN, F.S.A. Lee: Printed by Charles North. 1890. Super Royal 8vo. pp. 93. Edition 150 copies.*

This is the third publication of the Lewisham Antiquarian Society, of which Edward W. Brabrook, F.S.A., of Lewisham, Kent, is president, and the editor of this volume is an honorary secretary. The previous issues of the society are:—1. The Registers of St. Margaret's, Lee; and 2. The Monumental Inscriptions in the Church and Churchyard of St. Mary, Lewisham. The present volume "contains references to all the wills relating to the county of Kent which were proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury from the commencement of the series in 1384 down to the end of December, 1559." The names of the testators are arranged alphabetically, and there is an index of places at the end of the book, so that one can readily refer to every will and residence. The volume will be of great service to students of family and local history. "The wills of the period before the Reformation of the English Church," the editor tells us, "are particularly rich in local allusions, and a short history of the parish church can generally be extracted from the wills of those who, while leaving their souls to 'God, our Lady, and all the Holy Company of Heaven,' were seldom so poor that they did not leave something to the church in which they had worshipped, even if it were only a 'tap' to brenne and to be' before their favorite saint."

This book is handsomely printed in clear type and on fine paper.

*The Register Book of the Parish of St. Nicholas Acons, London, 1539-1812. Transcribed by WILLIAM BRIGG, B.A. Leeds: Walker and Laycock. 1890. Royal 8vo. pp. 160.*

The church of St. Nicholas Acons, which stood on the west side of St. Nicholas lane near Lombard street, London, was burnt in the great fire of 1666, but fortunately the register book of the parish did not "share the fate of the edifice to which it belonged. How preserved at that time," says the editor, "we know not, but in the custody of the successive rectors of St. Edmund the King and Martyr, in Lombard street (to which parish that of St. Nicholas Acons was subsequently united), the volume continued to be used for baptisms and burials until the early part of this century. The volume contains no records

of the marriages subsequent to 1664-5, and as regards these, it may be surmised that they were entered in the St. Edmund's registers, but inasmuch as the earliest extant marriage register of the last named parish commences with 1673 it is not possible to put this theory to the test. . . . St. Nicholas Acons register was closed finally in 1812, and (omitting only superfluous words) is now given to the public in its entirety."

Mr. Brigg has not thought best to delay the publication of the work by thoroughly annotating the register. He has added numerous notes, however, that will materially assist the genealogist. He has made a careful transcript of the register, which he has thoroughly indexed and has had printed in a handsome volume uniform with the publications of the Harleian Society. Many of these entries will interest New England people. Those relating to the children of Robert Mason, grandson of Capt John Mason, the founder of New Hampshire, found in this register, supply needed data. I could not obtain the ages of these children when I was editing the late Mr. Tuttle's memoir of Capt. Mason. Some months ago, however, I was favored with copies of these entries by Mr. J. C. C. Smith of the Probate Registry, Somerset House. Mr. Brigg acknowledges indebtedness to this gentleman for some of the foot-notes, and for, he adds, "collating my transcripts throughout with the original register, by which means the advantage of his skilled opinion has been obtained in the interpretation of the many entries which are scarcely decipherable." The editor also returns thanks, for courtesies, to the Rev. Canon Benham, rector of the united parishes.

*Woburn Records of Births, Deaths and Marriages from 1640 to 1873. Part II. Deaths.* Alphabetically and Chronologically Arranged by EDWARD F. JOHNSON. Woburn, Mass.: Andrews, Cutler & Co., Steam Book and Job Printers. 1890. 8vo. pp. 218.

*Transcript of Epitaphs in Woburn First and Second Burial Grounds, Chronologically Arranged, with Brief Illustrative Notes.* By WILLIAM R. CUTTER and EDWARD F. JOHNSON. Woburn: Andrews, Cutler & Co., Book and Job Printers. 1890. 8vo. pp. 160. Sold by the City Treasurer, Woburn, Mass. Price for the Records and Epitaphs, bound together in paper, 25 cts. Postage 10 cts. additional.

In our last number we noticed the first part of the Woburn Records of Births, Deaths and Marriages printed at the charge of the city. That part contained the births in Woburn from 1640 to 1873. The second part, containing the deaths for the same period, was issued in July last, and is now before us. A third part, containing the marriages, is in preparation. The action of the city government in preserving its records in print—the only sure way of rescuing them from destruction—cannot be too highly commended. We have often urged this duty on cities and towns.

The editor of this second part, as of the first, is the Hon. Edward F. Johnson, mayor of Woburn, who has done the work as a labor of love. The manner in which he has performed it deserves great credit. As an appendix to the Deaths, as recorded on the town books, he has printed a transcript of the inscriptions in two of the graveyards of that city. This portion of the work is paged separately, and has a separate title-page which we give above. Mr. Cutter, the librarian of the Woburn Public Library, whose name is associated with that of Mayor Johnson on this title-page, copied, more than a quarter of a century ago, the epitaphs from the stones then standing in these two burial grounds, and his copies have been incorporated in this work. The epitaphs are necessary in order to make the record of deaths as complete as possible, and besides the stones on which they are inscribed are constantly in danger of destruction. Mr. Johnson says in his preface:

"The recent visits which I have made to the several graveyards in this city, and the inspection of many of their half-obliterated monuments and crumbling gravestones, have brought forcibly to my mind the line,—

'Monuments themselves memorials need.'

"We spend large sums of money to perpetuate on polished marble, the lineage and virtues of a departed friend; yet it is only a question of time when this single record will become obliterated and forever lost. How important it is then to have these memorials duplicated by being spread on the printed sheet, thus making a record, and the only record, which can defy 'the tooth of time.'"

*An Historical Review. One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the First Church of Christ in Amherst, Massachusetts, November 7, 1889.* Amherst, Mass.: Press of the Amherst Record. 1890. 8vo. pp. 121. For sale by Edwin Nelson, Amherst, Mass. Price, in cloth, 75 cts.; in paper, 50 cts.

The book before us contains the proceedings at the sesqui-centennial celebration of the organization of the first congregational church in Amherst, and the ordination of its first pastor, Nov. 7, 1739. We have here an historical address by the pastor, the Rev. George S. Dickerman; an address by Mr. John H. Washburn on presenting the portraits of his grandparents, the Rev. David Parsons, D.D., first pastor of the church, and of his wife Mrs. Harriet W. Parsons, with a speech by the Rev. Dwight W. Marsh, D.D., on accepting the same; an address on the first and second pastors by the Rev. Charles H. Williams; an address on the Relation of the Church to the Educational Institutions of Amherst, by Prof. William S. Tyler, D.D.; an address on the Representative Men of the Parish, by Mr. William A. Dickinson; and an address on the Material Progress of Amherst, by Mr. Henry F. Mills. The volume also contains reminiscences of the former pastors, by several clergymen; letters received from invited guests who could not be present, and an appendix of interesting matter. Among the matters found in the appendix is a carefully prepared article on the Ancestry and Families of the Founders. The celebration seems to have been a pleasant occasion, and it has been the means of preserving much valuable local history.

*Robert Edward Lee. An Address delivered at the Dedication of the Monument to General Robert Edward Lee at Richmond, Virginia, May 29, 1890.* By ARCHER ANDERSON. Published by the Lee Monument Association. Richmond: Wm. Ellis Jones, Printer. 1890. 8vo. Pamphlet, pp. 45.

A temperate, well considered eulogy. In strong, bold language, the career of the noble man, its subject, is depicted with a warm eloquence which must have been gratifying to the Association, by whose zeal this enduring tribute to the memory of the illustrious son of Light Horse Harry Lee has been erected as an act of thanksgiving and praise.

By George A. Gordon, A.M., of Somerville, Mass.

*The Burr-Hamilton Duel, with Correspondence preceding Same, etc.* Sq. 16mo. pp. 42.

This is the title of a small pamphlet distributed gratis by the Hamilton Bank of New York city. The front cover is embellished by a neat sketch in which is incorporated a view of Hamilton Grange as it appeared in 1804. The contents of the pamphlet consists of an account of the duel and the correspondence preceding the same, taken from contemporaneous files of the New York Herald.

This pamphlet is commendable to the enterprise of the publishers, and also to the care displayed by the editor, Mr. Irving C. Gaylord, the assistant cashier of the Hamilton Bank.

By Walter K. Watkins, Esq., of Chelsea, Mass.

*The History of Kingston, New York, From its Early Settlement to the Year 1820.* By MARIUS SCHOONMAKER, of Kingston. New York: Burr Printing House, 18 Jacob Street. 1888. Royal 8vo. pp. 558. Price \$4. Will send by express C.O.D., or by mail on receipt of price with 25 cts. added for postage. Address: M. Schoonmaker, P. O. Box 273, Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y.

This History of Kingston is another of that better class of histories of towns and cities which shows the advance in preparation, both typographically and otherwise, which is but natural, considering the period of almost a century during which American town histories have been compiled.

The scope and object of the work, to quote the words of its author, have been to give a compact but complete history of the place, the customs and pursuits of its inhabitants, and their connection with public events from its first settlement down to 1820, which embraces the whole of the interesting era of its distinctively Dutch character.

This period also covers the exciting events of the Indian and French wars and the struggles of the Revolution. In a strict sense the work is a history of Kingston; but at that day Kingston occupied such an important position in the

country at large, and in the military and civil events that preceded the war for independence and also in that great contest, that its history during the colonial times to be fully understood and elucidated draws with it a great deal of the provincial history. One of the obstacles that met its author in his research was that frequently encountered by writers of historical works, and one which should be prevented while the remedy is within reach; we refer to the loss and destruction of public records. The obstacle was partially surmounted, however, through the aid of friends to whom he was indebted for much valuable material.

One chapter is devoted to genealogical matter, and in it one finds much of value relating to the early Dutch settlers.

As with many books of a historical character, the appendix is not the part of least value, and included under that head are many copies of valuable historic documents relating to the town and events connected with its history.

The illustrations, most of which are views of buildings in which events occurred prominent in the history of New York, are abundant and of much artistic merit.

*By Walter K. Watkins, Esq., of Chelsea, Mass.*

*The Salem Press Historical and Genealogical Record.* Number I. July, 1890.

Volume I. Published by the Salem Press Publishing and Printing Company, 200 Derby St., Salem, Mass. 8vo. pp. 53. Published quarterly. Subscription price \$1.50 a year. Single numbers 50 cts.

This is the first number of an antiquarian periodical commenced by the Salem Press Publishing Company, and which promises to be very useful. The present number contains an Introduction, showing the objects and scope of the magazine; instalments of the Publications of the Town of Salem, and materials for a Genealogy of the Moors Family; Notes and Queries, Proceedings of Historical Societies, Notes, Genealogies in Preparation and Book Notes. A prominent feature will be the town records. Every number of the quarterly is to contain copies from the original records of some of our New England towns hitherto unpublished. The editor and the printer are to be congratulated upon the quality and the appearance of the work.

*Bibliographic Notes on Eliot's Indian Bible and on his other Translations and Works in the Indian Language of Massachusetts.* Extract from a "Bibliography of the Algonquin Languages." Washington: Government Printing Office. 1890. Folio, pp. 58.

The Rev. John Eliot, of Roxbury, has won enduring fame by his self-sacrificing labors in behalf of the aborigines of the south-eastern portion of New England. His efforts to christianize them met with gratifying success. By the aid of the English society, incorporated in 1649, for propagating the gospel among the Indians of New England, a brief history of which will be found in the number of this periodical for July, 1885, he was able not only to enlarge the field of his labors in preaching to the natives, but to print two editions of a translation of the entire Bible in their language, besides translations of approved religious works, and various primers, grammars and other elementary books.

The book before us is a bibliographical account of the various publications of Eliot in the Indian language. It is compiled, we understand, by Mr. Wilberforce Eames, a zealous student of the Indian tongues. The works are arranged chronologically. After giving the titles of the several works, the compiler furnishes a minute bibliography of the book under notice; then an historical account of the circumstances attending its publication, drawn from every available source; and next, the owner of every known copy of the book, and frequently the changes of its ownership. Facsimiles of title-pages and other portions of the books make the style of the print known to the reader. The notes form a continuous narrative of Eliot's labors in converting the aborigines and in the issue of his Indian publications.

The books described in this bibliography, it is well known, are exceedingly rare. Of some no copies are known to exist, of others only a single copy; all, as a general rule, are widely dispersed. The labor on this book is therefore immense, and Mr. Eames deserves great credit for the thoroughness of his work. Nothing seems to be wanting for those who wish to make themselves familiar with the subject.

*The Musical Record; A Journal of Music, Art, Literature.* Edited by DEXTER SMITH. Boston: Oliver Ditson Company, 449 and 451 Washington St. August, 1890. Monthly folio, 32 pages. Subscription price \$1 a year or 10 cts. a number.

On the first of every month, Mr. Dexter Smith, the editor of this valuable periodical, presents his readers with a variety of literary matter interesting to people of musical tastes, besides a dozen pages of superior sheet music. The *Record* deserves a wide circulation.

*Burgoyne's Invasion of 1777, With an Outline Sketch of the American Invasion of Canada, 1775-76.* By SAMUEL ADAMS DRAKE. Boston: Lee & Shepard, Publishers. 1889. 12mo. pp. 146. Price 50 cts.

*The Taking of Louisburg, 1745.* By SAMUEL ADAMS DRAKE. Boston: Lee & Shepard, Publishers. 1890. 12mo. pp. 136. Price 50 cts.

Mr. Drake has commenced a useful series of historical works under the title of "Decisive Events in American History." The first two volumes are before us.

"Burgoyne's Invasion," which resulted in his surrender at Saratoga, has well been selected as the initial volume of this series, for, as the author justly observes: "Among the decisive events of the Revolutionary struggle, Burgoyne's campaign deservedly holds the foremost place, as well for what it led to, as for what it was in inception and execution—at once the most daring, most quixotic, and most disastrous effort of the whole war." The "Taking of Louisburg" is a fit subject for a companion volume to the first. The capture of this strong fortress by New England troops, aided by a British fleet, is one of the most wonderful and brilliant achievements in our colonial history.

Mr. Drake has made a life-study of American history, and has familiarized himself with its minutest details as well as its prominent events and philosophical teachings. He is therefore admirably qualified for the task he has undertaken. In these two small and inexpensive volumes, he gives animated narratives of two important episodes in our history, carefully compiled from authentic sources. The illustrative notes add much to the value of the books, while the maps and other illustrations will be welcomed by the reader for the aid they afford him. Both volumes have good indexes.

*Records of the Town of East Hampton, Long Island, Suffolk County, N. Y. With other Ancient Documents of Historic Value.* Sag Harbor: John H. Hunt, Printer. Three volumes. 8vo. Vol. I. 1887, pp. 500+vi.; Vol. II. 1887, pp. 501+vi.; Vol. III. 1889, pp. 500+vii.

The town of East Hampton, N. Y., was settled in 1649, and the three volumes before us contain the town records from that year to May, 1734. They have been transcribed and printed under the direction of a committee, appointed April 3, 1883, consisting of Jonathan T. Gardiner, Jonathan Baker and Joseph S. Osborne, at the expense of the town and by its authority. The town records contain not only the doings of the town, but also a registry of deeds.

The first of these printed volumes contains the records from 1649 to 1680; the second from 1680 to 1701; and the third from 1701 to 1734. The first two volumes have mostly been transcribed, *verbatim et literatim*, by Joseph S. Osborne. The material, when dated, is arranged chronologically, otherwise it has been disposed of as circumstances indicated to be proper. The third volume contains a certificate of Mr. Osborne as town clerk, that he has compared the volume, or caused it to be compared, with the original record in his office, and that "the printed copy is the same as the original, errata excepted, and except that the old style of spelling and use of capitals has not been followed, and that abstracts have been made of many deeds written after the old, long and technical form; but in all these cases the fact is indicated that abstracts only are printed; they, however, give all names, dates, amounts, boundaries and the manner of execution, as in the original entries." Each volume has an index, and the Hon. Henry P. Hedges has written an historical Introduction for each, filled with the result of his researches concerning the records, the town and the times. There is also an index in each volume.

The town of East Hampton deserves great credit for preserving its records in the only durable form, and the committee who have had charge of the matter are entitled to praise for the very satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their duty, much of which they tell us has been a labor of love.

*Address given at the Commemoration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Building of the First Congregational Church, Medfield, Mass., Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1889.* By Rev. WILLIAM W. HAYWARD, Pastor. Printed by Request. S. J. Spear, Printer.

The town of Medfield was incorporated in 1651, and a church was organized in that year, over which the Rev. John Wilson, Jr., was settled as pastor. A church building was erected a few years later, which was replaced by another edifice in 1706. The third structure, which is now standing, was built in 1789. The centenary of this building was commemorated last autumn, and the address delivered on the occasion is printed in the pamphlet before us. The Rev. Mr. Hayward gives an interesting history of the church and the three edifices.

*The Political Beginnings of Kentucky. A Narrative of Public Events bearing on the History of that State up to the Time of its Admission into the American Union.* By JOHN MASON BROWN. Louisville: John P. Morton & Company, Printers to the Filson Club. 1889. Royal 4to. pp. 263. Price \$2.50.

This is the sixth publication of the Filson Club. The Club was organized a few years ago by citizens of Kentucky, to preserve the early history and pioneer traditions of that state. The previous issues of the Club have been: 1, *The Life and Writings of John Filson*, by Reuben T. Durrett; 2, *The Wilderness Road*, by Thomas Speed; 3, *The Pioneer Press of Kentucky*, by William H. Perrin; 4, *The Life and Times of Judge Caleb Wallace*, by William H. Whitsitt; 5, *The History of St. Paul's Church, Louisville, Ky.*, by Reuben T. Durrett. "The publications of the Filson Club are not sold for profit. They are turned over by the Club, which has no publication fund, to John P. Morton & Company, who only aim to get back by sales the cost of publication. Only limited editions have so far been issued, and the price put upon them cannot be lowered until the demand for them justifies a larger issue. Whenever this occurs, the printers to the Club will be prompt to lower the price according to the increased demand."

The book before us on "The Political Beginnings of Kentucky" is by the late Col. John Mason Brown. The author had finished the work before his death and placed his manuscript in the printers' hands. The work is here printed as he left it. Col. Brown has gone, say the publishers, "to the bottom of what were known as Spanish, French and British intrigues in the West, and righted the wrongs inflicted upon some of our best and wisest pioneers. To accomplish this desirable end he not only appealed to original authorities, printed and manuscript, in this country, but secured from foreign archives copies of the official despatches sent by agents to their governments touching these transactions. He has left unexplored no field where the gleanings of original truth could be had, and the result of his labors here recorded in a clear, unostentatious, but captivating style will make his book authority upon the subject treated."

The volume treats of an interesting portion of American history, and the work on it seems to be faithfully done.

*The Historical Record: A Quarterly Publication devoted principally to the Early History of Wyoming Valley and Contiguous Territory; with Notes and Queries, Biographical, Antiquarian and Genealogical.* Edited by F. C. JOHNSON. Vol. III. Wilkes-Barre, Pa.: Press of the Wilkes-Barre Record. 1890. Sm. 4to. pp. vi.+192. Published in Quarterly numbers. Price \$1.50 a year in advance. Single numbers 50 cents.

The third volume of this periodical, containing the numbers for January, April, July and October, 1889, is before us. It contains a great quantity of historical, biographical, genealogical and antiquarian matter, relating to the Wyoming Valley and the adjacent territory. Many articles of interest are found here, among them reports of the meetings of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, the members of which institution are frequent contributors to the magazine. It deserves support not only from those residing in the locality in which it is published and to whose history it is chiefly devoted, but from all who take an interest in American history. The numbers for the present year contain equally valuable matter.

*Life and Times of Ephraim Cutler. Prepared from Journals and Correspondence.* By his daughter, JULIA PERKINS CUTLER. With biographical Sketches of Jervis Cutler and William Parker Cutler. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1890. 8vo. pp. vi.+358. Price \$2.50.

The Hon. Ephraim Cutler, to whose life and times the greater portion of this book is devoted, was the eldest son of Manasseh Cutler, whose services in behalf of the Ordinance of 1787 have made him a prominent figure in history. Ephraim Cutler was born at Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., April 13, 1767, and died at Amestown, Ohio, July 8, 1853. A communication by him entitled "New England and the West," is printed in the REGISTER vol. 7, pp. 297-300. He emigrated to the Northwestern Territory in 1795, and held important offices in that territory, and in Ohio after the admission of that state to the union. A large portion of the life is autobiography, and many incidents in the history of the New England pioneer settlements in the west are preserved in his journals and correspondence.

Appended is a brief sketch of the life of his brother, Major Jervis Cutler, author of "A Topographical Description of the State of Ohio, Indiana Territory and Louisiana." The volume closes with a memoir, by E. C. Dawes, of the late Hon. William Parker Cutler, son of Ephraim, who died last year. He was a man of ability, was much in public life, and was a member of the 37th Congress. He was joint compiler with his sister, the author of this book, of the Life, Journals and Correspondence of Rev. Manasseh Cutler, LL.D., noticed by us in April, 1888.

*Quarter Millennial Celebration of the City of Taunton, Massachusetts, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 4 and 5, 1889.* Taunton, Massachusetts: Published by the City Government. 1889. 8vo. pp. 426.

In the summer of 1889, the 250th anniversary of the founding of Taunton, Massachusetts, was celebrated in that city, under the charge of a joint committee of the city government and the Old Colony Historical Society. The Indian name of the territory was Cohannet. The exact date of the settlement of the place has not yet been ascertained, and the committee chose as the day to be celebrated that on which Cohannet was represented by deputies in the General Court of New Plymouth, which was June 4, 1639.

The volume before us contains a history of the celebration with a full report of the proceedings on the occasion. The historical address was by the Hon. Edmund H. Bennett, LL.D. It is a very able performance and emphasizes the main points of interest in the history of Taunton. The address was followed by a poem written for the occasion by Mr. Henry W. Colby, in which the differences between the life of the pioneers and that of our own day is well portrayed. In the afternoon a banquet was furnished, and the usual after-dinner speeches were made. The toast-master was Judge William Henry Fox. Speeches which are here printed were made by Hon. Richard H. Hall, mayor of the city, Hon. Oliver Ames, governor of Massachusetts, Chief Justice Marcus Morton, Rev. Dr. Henry M. Dexter, Rev. Dr. George E. Ellis, Hon. Josiah H. Drummond, Mr. Robert Treat Paine, Rev. S. Hopkins Emery, Hon. William E. Fuller, Hon. Hugh O'Brien, Hon. Herbert W. Ladd, governor of Rhode Island, and others. A poem "The Old Colonists," by Miss E. N. Hathaway, and a festival ode and an anniversary hymn, both by Miss Eleanor Deane, were interspersed with the speeches. Letters from invited guests and the correspondence with Taunton, England, were then read. A reception and ball followed in the evening.

On the second day a grand procession moved through the streets, and on both days a Donation and Loan Exhibition was held in Historical Hall. Tablets commemorative of historic persons and places had been erected prior to the celebration.

The committee on publication have performed their labor in a commendable manner, and have produced a book that is a credit to the city, both in a literary and a mechanical point of view. The illustrations, of which there are seventeen, are very fine.

The appendix is not the least valuable part of the book. Nearly two hundred pages are devoted to it, in which we have a great amount of historical matter, including the result of the latest labors of local antiquaries.

*July 4th, 1890. 250th Anniversary of the First White Settlement within the Territory of Winchester.* Sm. 4to. pp. 32.

This is the title of a pamphlet prepared for the 250th anniversary of the first white settlement within the territory of Winchester, Mass., held July 4, 1890. As a separate town Winchester is only forty years old, having been incorporated April 30, 1850. The pamphlet before us contains an "Historical Sketch of Winchester," giving a brief statement of the principal events in the territory and town of Winchester from 1640 to 1890, evidently prepared with much care. The compilers are Messrs. Arthur E. Whitney and George S. Littlefield, a committee of the Winchester Historical Society, who acknowledge assistance received from Mr. William R. Cutter of Woburn. Appended are lists of the tablets marking historic sites erected in this town for the quarter millenary celebration, with their locations; the committees in charge of the celebration; an official programme for the day; and some other matters. It makes a handsome pamphlet. The illustrations are views of the town hall and library, and of the Converse house, which, if erected in 1640, must have been much changed and improved since then. A full report of the celebration appeared in the *Winchester Star*, July 5.

*Practical Sanitary and Economic Cooking, adapted to Persons of Moderate and Small Means.* By MRS. MARY HINMAN ABEL. Published by the American Public Health Association. 1890. 12mo. pp. xi.+190. Cloth. Price 40 cts.

Two prizes, one of five hundred dollars and the other of two hundred dollars, were offered in 1888 by Mr. Henry Lomb of Rochester, N. Y., for essays on this subject. Seventy essays were sent in, and the work before us received the first prize. It is highly commended by competent judges. The American Public Health Association who publish the book was organized in 1872, and is active in its efforts for the amelioration of sickness and suffering, and the prolongation of human life. It has issued many publications in pursuit of this object.

*Our Dumb Animals.* Boston, June, 1890, vol. 23, No. 1. 4to. pp. 12. Published Monthly by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, at No. 19 Milk Street, Boston, Mass. Price for single subscriptions 50 cts. a year.

*Black Beauty: His Grooms and Companions.* By A. SEWELL. American Edition. Published by the American Humane Education Society, George T. Angell, President, 19 Milk St., Boston. 12mo. pp. 245. Price 12 cts.; if sent by mail 20 cts.

Twenty-two volumes of the monthly entitled *Our Dumb Animals* have been completed, and a new volume commences with this number. This paper has been one of the most efficient means that the benevolent society which publishes it has used to awaken our countrymen, old and young, to their duty towards God's creatures who cannot plead their own cause.

The other title is that of a book which has well been called "The 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' of the Horse." *Black Beauty* is by an English lady, the late Miss Anna Sewell. Under the guise of an autobiography of an intelligent and well-trained horse, the book shows us the treatment which this noble animal should receive. One hundred and three thousand copies have been sold in England at the last accounts, and in this country sixty thousand copies were printed in the first sixty days.

Mr. Angell and his co-workers deserve great credit for their unselfish labors.

*The Hawley Record.* By ELIAS S. HAWLEY. "Et suivez moy." Buffalo, N. Y.: Press of E. H. Hutchinson & Company, 71 and 73 West Eagle St. 1890. Folio (16 by 10½ in.) pp. xvi.+592. Only 300 copies printed. Price, leather back, cloth sides, \$12; half morocco extra, \$15; full morocco gilt, \$18; full morocco extra gilt, bevelled edges, \$20. Sent by express, charges paid, on receipt of price by E. S. Hawley, 110 Franklin St., Buffalo, N. Y.

*The Descendants of Richard Sares (Sears) of Yarmouth, Mass., 1638-1888. With an Appendix containing some Notices of other Families by the Name of Sears.* By SAMUEL P. MAY, Memb. N. E. Hist. Gen. Society. Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons, Publishers. 1890. 8vo. pp. x.+665. Price \$5, or \$5.25 by mail. Address Samuel P. May, Newton, Mass.



*Bradbury Memorial. Record of Some of the Descendants of Thomas Bradbury of Agamenticus (York) in 1634, and of Salisbury, Mass., in 1638. With a Brief Sketch of the Bradburys in England.* Compiled chiefly from the Collections of the late John Merrill Bradbury of Ipswich, Mass. By WILLIAM BERRY LAPHAM. Portland: Brown Thurston & Company. 1890. 8vo. pp. 320. Price \$5.

*Genealogy of the Twining Family Descendants of William Twining Sr., who came from Wales, or England, and died at Eastham, Massachusetts, 1659. With Information of Other Twinings in Great Britain and America.* By THOS. J. TWINING of Sidney, Indiana. Chicago: Published for the Author. 1890. 8vo. pp. 172+xi.

*The Isbell and Kingman Families. Some Records of Robert Isbell and Henry Kingman, and their Descendants.* Gathered from Various Sources and Compiled by LEROY W. KINGMAN. Owego: Gazette Printing Office. 1889. Royal 4to. pp. 30.

*Spencer Family History and Genealogy.* Oblong 4to. pp. 26.

*Supplement to the Genealogy of the Family of Gamaliel Gerould, Son of Dr. Jacques Jerauld.* Bristol, N. Y.: Printed by R. W. Musgrove. 1890. 8vo. pp. 15.

[*Balch Pedigree*]. Broadside, 17 by 45 inches.

*The Banks Family of Maine.* By CHARLES EDWARD BANKS, M.D. (Dart.), Passed Assistant Surg. U. S. Marine Hospital Service. Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son. 1890. 8vo. pp. 8.

*The Allertons of New England and Virginia.* By ISAAC J. GREENWOOD, A.M., of New York City. 8vo. pp. 7.

We continue in this number our quarterly notices of recent genealogical publications.

The sumptuous volume on the Hawley family which heads our list, is by Elias S. Hawley of Buffalo, N. Y., who, to our own knowledge, has been collecting materials for it for over thirty years. He now gives it to the public in a folio of six hundred pages, printed on heavy calendered paper, manufactured "by special order for the work, for the purpose of making entries with pen and ink in the body, or the table work, of the book, where blanks are left for want of information." Blank pages are also added for entries. This will, it is hoped, ensure the preservation of many new genealogical facts. About two-thirds of the book are devoted to the Connecticut Hawleys descended from Joseph Hawley, who came early to New England and settled at Stratford, Ct., where he was town clerk or recorder. Fifteen of his grandsons had children, and each of these is made the head of a branch. The Massachusetts Hawleys, descendants of Thomas Hawley of Roxbury, a brother of Joseph, fill 32 pages, and there are ten pages of unconnected families and names. The plan of the work is to give the genealogical matter first, and at the end of that the biographies, which are quite full. The memoir of Major Joseph Hawley, noticed by us in July, is one of the biographies. An interesting account of the English Hawleys precedes the other matter. The work is profusely illustrated by maps, portraits, coats of arms of the English Hawleys, gravestones, manuscripts and autograph signatures. One of the maps is that of Connecticut, showing the towns in which each of the fifteen grandsons of the immigrant settled, and one of the manuscripts fac-similed is a record of Joseph Hawley as recorder of Stratford. The cuts of gravestones are numerous. There are also several full page portraits on steel. We agree with the author that "a more appropriate present, to parties interested, for birthdays, marriages and holidays, cannot be found, nor one likely to last longer." The book is well indexed.

The Sears genealogy is by the author of the article in the REGISTER for July, 1886, entitled "Some Doubts concerning the Sears Pedigree." To the present volume is prefixed an article entitled "English Ancestry," in which Mr. May gives in more detail his reasons for not accepting the pedigree published in "Pictures of the Olden Time." He gives the genesis of that pedigree as far as it could be ascertained. He has not been able to trace any connection between the Sears family of Massachusetts and the English families. The emigrant ancestor of the Massachusetts family was Richard Sares, whose name is found

in the records of Plymouth Colony, March 25, 1633. From Plymouth he removed to Marblehead, and thence to Yarmouth, where he died in 1676. Whence he came to New England has not been ascertained. The author says, "The parentage, place and date of birth of Richard Sares are alike unknown." Mr. May suggests that Sares may have been from one of the channel islands. "The early settlers of Marblehead," he says, "were many of them from the channel islands, Guernsey and Jersey, and in those places the family of Sarres has been established for several centuries, and is still represented in Guernsey under the names of Sarres and Serres." Though the American family has not been connected with England, Mr. May has been able to trace it in this country very thoroughly, as this bulky volume shows. Few families, we judge, have escaped the research of this indefatigable genealogist, and his records are remarkably full and precise. The volume is well printed, and has a portrait of the author.

The elegant volume on the Descendants of Thomas Bradbury is a credit to the family as well as to the compilers. The late John Merrill Bradbury, a memoir of whom will be found in the *REGISTER* for October, 1877, employed his leisure for many years, as is there stated, in collecting and arranging materials for a genealogy of the Bradburys. He was prevented by death from completing and publishing his book. His manuscripts remained in the hands of his brother and executor for over fifteen years. Nearly a year ago the venerable Hon. James W. Bradbury of Augusta, Me., who had been intending to have compiled a limited sketch of the family, embracing his own line, on learning that Mr. Bradbury's executor was willing to place his brother's manuscripts at his disposal, concluded to modify his first intention so as to utilize all the material readily attainable. The collections were placed in the hands of William B. Lapham, M.D., who has had much experience in genealogical work. Dr. Lapham has added to Mr. Bradbury's collection, the materials he already had and what he could collect in the limited time at his disposal, and has thoroughly revised and arranged the matter. The volume before us shows that the work could not have been placed in better hands. The details about the English Bradburys are very full and quite interesting. The early generations in this country are probably nearly complete, as are also many of the later generations. We hope that some one will undertake a perfect history of the family. The book is handsomely printed, with fine illustrations and excellent indexes. The expense of compiling the book has been borne by the Hon. James W. Bradbury. Dr. Lapham publishes the work at his own expense, trusting that the sales will meet the cost of publication.

The Twining volume is a very creditable production. Very little concerning the family had before appeared in print, and the compiler must have had to rely more than is usually the case upon the public records and correspondence with members of the family for his materials. The book is well compiled, well indexed, and handsomely printed.

The pamphlet on the Isbell and Kingman families, which is of limited scope, has been prepared for the gratification of the compiler's children. It is carefully compiled and handsomely printed. When we state that Dr. D. Williams Patterson of Newark Valley, N. Y., has assisted Mr. Kingman, the reader will know that the work is thoroughly done.

The Spencer pamphlet is by Robert C. Spencer of Milwaukee, Wis., and was issued in August, 1889. It preserves much historical and genealogical matter relating to the Spencers. It is handsomely printed, and illustrated by portraits and other engravings.

The next pamphlet is a supplement to the Gerould genealogy, published in 1885 and noticed by us in January, 1886. It has been printed by the liberality of Henry Gerould, M.D., of Cleveland, Ohio, the historian of the Gerould Genealogical Society, the last meeting of which association was held at East Smithfield, Pa., Sept. 14, 1889.

The Balch Tabular pedigree is devoted to the descendants of John Balch, one of the "Old Planters" of Salem. He settled at Beverly, and died in 1648. It is by Dr. Galusha B. Balch of Yonkers, N. Y., and gives the author's line of descent.

The Banks and Allerton pamphlets are reprints from the *REGISTER* for July, 1890.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

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## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**AUTHORS OF THE HISTORY OF DORCHESTER, MASS.**—The history of this town by a committee of the Dorchester Antiquarian and Historical Society was issued in numbers, the first of which appeared in 1851, and the last in 1859. The preface to the volume, in the last number, is dated December 1, 1859. The book was published by Ebenezer Clapp, Jr., one of the committee. As the volume does not give the authors of the several portions of the book, and as only one of the committee, Mr. Trask, is now living, the editor of the REGISTER requested him to prepare a statement which would furnish this information. He has accordingly written the following letter, and we have pleasure in laying it before our readers:

Boston, July 21, 1890.

*John Ward Dean, A.M.*

Dear Sir,—In compliance with your request, being the only survivor of a special committee of seven resident members of the Dorchester Antiquarian and Historical Society, chosen about the year 1841, to collect and publish a general history of the town (see Hist. Dorchester, Mass., p. 643), I will endeavor, so far as able, to give a condensed account of the work done by each individual.

This committee consisted of James M. Robbins, Edmund J. Baker, Ebenezer Clapp, Jr., William D. Swan, Edward Holden, Edmund P. Tileston and William B. Trask. I am not sure that Messrs. Tileston and Swan had anything to do with the composition of the book excepting a general endorsement or assent to the doings of the other five members. It is clear to the mind of the writer that the first seven and thirty pages, making six chapters of the work, were written chiefly by the Hon. James M. Robbins; chapters seven to twenty, inclusive, by Ebenezer Clapp, Jr., with a sprinkling, now and then, on its pages, of matter by other hands. There seems internal evidence that the portion of chapter twenty-one, relating to St. Mary's Church, if no more, was composed by Edward Holden, an original member of that church and its first clerk and treasurer. Chapters twenty-two and twenty-three, entitled—"The Public Schools of the Town," and "Brief Notices of the Early Teachers of the Public Schools," which contain about a hundred and thirty-six pages, or more than

one-fifth of the whole history, were written by William B. Trask; chapter twenty-four, probably, by Mr. Clapp; twenty-five and twenty-six, in regard to Neponset River, mills, ferries, bridges, etc., unmistakably, I think, by Edmund J. Baker; the closing chapter, twenty-seventh, not unlikely, by Mr. Holden and Mr. Clapp; the "Conclusion," so called, and the "Preface" to the book, it may have been, by the latter individual, making something like two-thirds of the whole book, as far as we can now judge, written by Ebenezer Clapp, Jr.; the residue, by other members of the committee.

The index of names, it may be proper to mention, was prepared by Mr. Samuel Blake, not of the committee, but a worthy and respected member of the Society, author of the genealogical work entitled "Blake Family."

Yours truly,

WILLIAM BLAKE TRASK.

**OLD KNICKERBOCKER FAMILIES.**—Chaplain Roswell Randall Hoes, U. S. N., Corresponding Member of this Society and Corresponding Secretary of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, has for several years been engaged in preparing for publication the Baptismal and Marriage Registers of the old and well-known Dutch Church of Kingston, N. Y., from its organization in 1660 to 1810. During this period there were between ten and eleven thousand baptisms and two and three thousand marriages, all of which are now being printed in full, with copious indexes, by DeVinne & Co., of New York, in a royal octavo volume of not far from a thousand uncut pages of heavy water-lined paper. It will be the largest and most comprehensive work of its kind ever published in this country, and will embody the contents of the earliest continuous and *original* set of baptismal and marriage records in the Dutch Church of America. Those of the Dutch Church of New York are older, but that portion of them, embracing the period between their commencement in 1639, and 1682, are *copies* made by Domine Selyns, after his settlement as pastor of that church in 1682, from originals no longer in existence. The Registers of the Albany Church, previous to the coming of Domine Dellius in 1683, are also lost or destroyed, and the same may be said of the earlier portions of those of the several Dutch churches of Long Island whose organizations antedate that of Kingston. The peculiar value of the Kingston Registers will be appreciated when it is remembered that Kingston, with the exception of Albany, was the earliest settlement in the State of New York, north of New York City, and that for a very long period subsequent to the foundation of the Kingston Church it was the only ecclesiastical organization in the valley of the Hudson, between New York and Albany. Parties, therefore, desiring to be married or to have their children baptized, came to Kingston for these purposes from a vast section of country, and their names were of course recorded in the Registers of the Kingston Church. A large majority of the early Dutch families of America are to be found on these pages, and but few complete Knickerbocker genealogies can therefore be prepared without reference to these old Registers. Besides the Dutch names, many early Huguenots, English and German, and a few Scotch and Irish families, are represented. The cost of the work is \$10, and immediate subscriptions are requested, which may be sent to Chaplain Hoes, care of the Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

**JOHN VANDERLYN THE DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN PAINTER** was born in Kingston, N. Y., in 1776, and died there in 1852. The leading events of his life, as given by Dunlap and Tuckerman, are too well known to require repetition here. His fame as an artist is chiefly based upon his portraits of many men prominent in political and literary life, and upon his "Marius Seated on the Ruins of Carthage," for which Napoleon awarded the artist a gold medal in 1808; his "Ariadne," and his "Landing of Columbus," which for nearly forty-five years has graced the Rotunda of the Capitol at Washington. For several years, in odd moments of leisure, I have been collecting material for Vanderlyn's life, and a catalogue of his portraits and other paintings, and in the further prosecution of this work I desire to crave the coöperation of the readers of the REGISTER. I shall be grateful for copies of any original letters of Vanderlyn, for facts and incidents relating to his life and character, for personal recollections concerning him, for reference to him in out-of-the-way books, pamphlets and newspapers, and for any information that will lead to the discovery or identifi-

cation of his paintings (portraits and others), whether in public collections or private hands. Information bearing on any of these points, however apparently unimportant, will be cordially appreciated.

ROSSELL RANDALL HOES, Chaplain U. S. N.

Care of Navy Dep't, Washington, D. C.

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**LEXICOGRAPHICAL INDEX TO THE P. C. C. WILLS, BY MR. J. C. C. SMITH.**—No collection of Wills is of greater importance or more widely known than the Wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, now in Somerset House, London. Hitherto, as all students in the Literary Search Room are aware, these wills have been accessible only by means of certain ancient and very inadequate calendars. A new index for the period, 1383-1558, has been in course of compilation for several years, and is now nearly finished. It has been prepared by Mr. J. C. C. Smith, superintendent of the Literary Department of the Probate Registry, who, in addition to giving the quality and residence of testators, has added other counties named by them, the importance of which for purposes of identification it is impossible to exaggerate. It is estimated that this Index will contain references to nearly fifty thousand wills.

The British Record Society, having obtained permission from the Right Hon. Sir James Hannen, proposes to issue this work in the ordinary series of the Index Library. Members will esteem it a matter of congratulation that this invaluable work is to be published by the Society. It is expected that the first portion will appear in the September part.

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**ANCESTRAL CHARTS.**—Mr. John Osborne Austin, P. O. Box 81, Providence, R. I., has issued a specimen of an ancestral chart in tabular form, on a sheet 11½ in. by 14 inches, giving five generations of one's ancestors. He offers to print a chart like this for any person, at fifteen dollars for one hundred copies, the person to furnish the records of his ancestry. Blank charts will be sent him for filling in the items. The chart is comprehensive, yet clear and simple in its arrangement. We recommend to our readers this form of preserving a record of their ancestry. Mr. Austin will send circulars to applicants.

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**GENEALOGIES IN PREPARATION.**—Persons of the several names are advised to furnish the compilers of these genealogies with records of their own families and other information which they think may be useful. We would suggest that all facts of interest illustrating family history or character be communicated, especially service under the U. S. government, the holding of other offices, graduation from college or professional schools, occupation, with places and dates of births, marriages, residence and death. When there are more than one christian name they should all be given in full if possible. No initials should be used when the full names are known.

**Rust.**—By Albert D. Rust, Waco, Texas. Will contain descendents of Henry Rust, of Hingham and Boston, Mass.

**Wyman.**—By Joseph G. Wyman of Skowhegan, Maine.

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*Sum Cuique.* John Dickinson the Author of the Declaration on Taking up Arms in 1775. By GEORGE H. MOORE, LL.D. Superintendent of the Lenox Library. With a fac-simile from the Original Draft. New York: Printed for the Author. 1890. Royal 8vo. pp. 55. Price \$1.

"John Dickinson had no superior in the highest rank of the advocates of his country's rights during the period of the Revolution," says Dr. Moore in the work before us, read as a paper before the New York Historical Society, June 6th, 1882.

The main object which Dr. Moore had in view in preparing this paper and in now laying it before his countrymen in print, was to investigate the subject and decide upon the authorship of "A Declaration by the Representatives of the United Colonies of North America now met in General Congress at Philadelphia, setting forth the Causes and Necessity of their taking up Arms," reported by a committee of which Dickinson was a member, and adopted by Congress in the summer of 1775. At that time Dickinson was reputed to be its author. The "Declaration" was included in his Political Writings in two volumes published in 1801. Three years later, in asserting his claim to another paper in that collection, Dickinson wrote: "Every one of these writings was composed by me."

For more than half a century, Dickinson enjoyed the undisputed credit of being the sole author. In 1829, the "Memoirs, Correspondence and Private Papers of Thomas Jefferson" were published. In the memoir, which he began writing in 1821, at the age of 77, Jefferson gives the date of his taking his seat in Congress, which was on the 21st of June, 1775. He then adds: "On the 24th a committee which had been appointed to prepare a declaration of the causes of taking up arms, brought in their report (drawn I believe by J. Rutledge) which not being liked, the House recommitted it on the 26th, and added Mr. Dickinson and myself to the committee. . . . I prepared a draught of the Declaration committed to us. It was too strong for Mr. Dickinson. He still retained the hope of reconciliation with the mother country, and was unwilling it should be

lessened by offensive statement. He was so honest a man, and so able a one, that he was greatly indulged even by those who could not feel his scruples. We therefore requested him to take the paper, and put it into a form that he could approve. He did so, preparing an entire new statement and preserving of the former only the LAST FOUR PARAGRAPHS AND HALF OF THE PRECEDING ONE. We approved and reported it to Congress who accepted it." For another half a century—till 1882 when Dr. Moore read his paper—this later statement was received as true. In the work before us the author examines the question as to the authorship of this document. With his usual thoroughness, Dr. Moore brings together a mass of facts bearing upon the question. After reading the evidence produced in these pages, it seems obvious to me that Dickinson was the sole author of the production, and that the claim of Jefferson is preposterous. As a final evidence, Dr. Moore, when he read his paper before the New York Historical Society, produced the original manuscript of the "Declaration" in Dickinson's own handwriting, which had been preserved in the archives of that society. Upon this he remarks:

"I am well aware of the danger of attempting to determine the authorship of a paper, intended for the public, from the handwriting in which the manuscript appears—unless the proofs are patent that it came from him whose thoughts and expressions it records. In this case there is no room whatever for doubt. The suggestion of imitation or forgery is excluded. No person but the author himself ever had any hand in the preparation of this document. It is in the handwriting of John Dickinson, and these corrections, additions, interlineations, revisions, in number, extent, position and character, forbid the supposition that he copied any portion of this paper from a draft by Mr. Jefferson, or any other person. It is the original first draft of the whole, and the proof of it is in no portion of the whole more conspicuous and certain than in the '*last four paragraphs and half of the preceding one*' claimed as his own by Jefferson—in his old age—and accorded to him without doubt or hesitation ever since." A reduced fac-simile, by Bierstadt, of the manuscript is appended to Dr. Moore's work.

Mr. Dickinson's fame as a patriot and an author is ably vindicated in these pages. As the author of the "Farmer's Letters," the "Liberty Song," and other writings, he won a high reputation in Revolutionary times; and Dr. Moore's paper shows that it was well deserved.

A valuable Appendix is added.

*Economic and Social History of New England, 1620-1789.* By WILLIAM B. WEEDEN. In two volumes. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin and Company, The Riverside Press, Cambridge. 1890. 2 vols. Crown 8vo. Vol. I. pp. xv.+447; Vol. II. pp. xiv.+517. Price \$4.50.

We were aware that Mr. Weeden had devoted years of patient research to the preparation of his *Economic and Social History of New England*, but until we saw it in print we had no adequate appreciation of its extraordinary value and importance. It is a mine of information, an encyclopedia of facts and statistics essential to a proper understanding of the commercial and social life of New England from 1620 to 1789, and includes in its wide range many subjects that have either been strangely neglected by other writers, or are found only in fragmentary form in many different volumes. As we read the chapters on the Formation of the Community and the Opening of Commerce, we were impressed with the author's happy treatment of these themes, and with his historical scholarship. Had there been nothing else of merit in the work we should have commended it, because of these chapters, but as we read further and found that these were but samples of others of equal or even greater value, we awoke to a realizing sense of what Mr. Weeden has done for American history. The chapters relating to the British and colonial attempts to regulate trade to the New-England currency, and to the commerce at different epochs, are entitled to special mention. Mr. Weeden indulges in no glittering generalities, but cites his authorities, and in commercial matters often takes his facts from the record books of the merchants of the period. We have reviewed many historical works, and for the first time remark that the subject of the notice is indispensable to a well-equipped library. There is a good index and the volumes are printed in the best manner.

By George Kuhn Clarke, LL.B., Needham, Mass.

*The Dates of Various-shaped Shields, with coincident Dates and Examples.* By GEORGE GRAZEBROOK, F.S.A. Liverpool: Printed for Private Circulation. 1890. Crown 8vo. pp. 92.

This book is an enlargement of a paper read before the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire.

The line of inquiry in this book has never before been attempted. The author is a proficient in the history of Seals, the result of forty years' study and research; and he has nearly completed for publication an elaborate "*Corpus Sigillorum*," which will "bring together in one view a large number of English Seals of each century for the eye to rest upon and so to comprehend the various styles at different dates."

"It seems desirable," says the author in his preface, "that a classified body of such knowledge should be drawn up and available—enabling us to date with some certainty (within the limit of a few years) seals pendant to undated charters, stone carvings on ancient buildings, and illustrations in MSS., which are now labelled 'circa.'" The volume before us, though small in size, contains the essence of his long and laborious research. In it "each century from the eleventh to the fifteenth is separately dealt with. After that date," the author states, "the nomenclature of shields devised by my friend, Mr. J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A., is followed, and the earliest and latest examples found of each shape adduced—thus showing the range of time when the variety was most commonly in use. References are given for every statement. Mantlings, torces, wreaths, palm branches and other adjuncts are discussed under their several headings—with descriptions and dates of any varieties found." This book will be useful to antiquaries, who will find here aids to research which are nowhere else to be obtained. The book has a good index.

We take this opportunity to call attention to the larger work of the author, his "*Corpus Sigillorum*," and to advise our readers to send in their subscriptions at once, so that he may be able to put it to press at an early date. The price to subscribers will be thirty shillings. It will form a bulky volume, and it will require a large list of subscribers to cover the expense. We quote from the prospectus:

"What the author contemplates would show perhaps fifty selected characteristic seals for each century from the eleventh to the seventeenth, displayed in order of date. So large a number would not be needed at the earliest or latest dates, but for some of the periods a greater number ought to be given. Students now get together such collections in tracings and drawings—as the labor of years; and it is feared very few have perseverance enough to carry out fully their aim; but without such exact data conclusions must be guess-work." Mr. Grazebrook has such a collection for his own use, and knows from experience what a great advantage it is.

"This proposed well-illustrated book would not only be most valuable and instructive to the antiquary, it would also possess a far wider and general interest, because these are the highest specimens of Art remaining to us of the early times in which they were made. Seals at all dates are the results of the greatest skill and care to be procured, according to the owner's means; and many of them are masterpieces, both of design and execution. They display the whole career of Art: the simplicity of early times, gradually developing and culminating in the perfection of the fourteenth century; to be followed by overloaded designs, beautified by exquisite workmanship, at the end of the fifteenth.

"Such a pictured History of Art could not fail to be interesting and attractive to many who would not care to study the subject from a strictly antiquarian point of view. This large collection of engravings would be accompanied by explanations giving an account of most of the seals, the origin of their decorations, and other particulars involving a considerable amount of genealogical research."

Mr. Grazebrook's address is, "Oak Hill Park, near Liverpool, England."

*The Antiquities of the State of Ohio. Full and Accurate Descriptions of the Works of the Mound Builders; Defensive and Sacred Inclosures; Mounds, Cemeteries, and Tombs, and their Contents; Implements, Ornaments, Sculptures, etc. Illustrated with maps, plans, views and relics.* By HENRY A. SHEPHERD. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1890. 4to. Cloth. pp. 189. Price \$2.00.

This reprint, from the popular *History of the State of Ohio*, by the Hon. Henry A. Shepherd, is chiefly a description of the wonderful ancient remains within the limits of that great state, concerning whose builders history is silent, even to their names. Each of the six chapters is devoted solely to the description of a single class of these works. Following the dictum of the wise and philosophic Warburton, that "human nature will, under the same circumstances, without any help, exhibit the same appearances," each chapter concludes with a few brief remarks upon the purposes and objects of these constructions, commonly accepted among archaeologists. No absolute conclusions are asserted. In our baffled ignorance, it alone appears clear that vast labors were expended, which must have required a steady and plentiful subsistence, which only an extensive and productive agriculture could have maintained. That all this was possible without a considerable attainment in civilization seems incredible. These are not the public works of primitive savages. They evidence skill and no low order of rude intelligence. The gratitude of scholars is due the careful and competent author who, here, places upon record, with illustrative maps, plans and views, the condition of these mounds in the present generation. All interested in ethnological or archaeological studies will find in this volume one of the most important repositories of American contribution.

By George A. Gordon, A.M., of Somerville, Mass.

*Southern Historical Society Papers.* Vol. XVII. Edited by R. A. BROOK, Secretary of the Southern Historical Society. Richmond, Va.: Published by the Society. 1889. 8vo. pp. 441.

This collection of the Southern Historical Society is so largely devoted to the ceremonies attendant upon the erection of the monument to General Lee that it is called "Lee Monument Memorial Volume." Besides placing upon record the entire history of the inception, execution and dedication of the Lee monument, the volume opens with the address last November before the annual meeting of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association, by its President, Dr. Hunter McGuire, LL.D., who served during the war as the medical director of the 2d (Stonewall Jackson) Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia. This is followed by the address before the Survivors' Association of Confederate Surgeons, at Columbia, S. C., also last November, by Dr. Peyre Porcher, A.B. A very valuable and interesting paper upon the Race Problem at the South, delivered at the National Cemetery, at Memphis, on Memorial Day, 1889, will attract attention by its boldness. Other addresses upon subjects of historical interest at the South, with lists of Confederate garrisons placed under fire, on Morris Island, in 1864, a roster of surviving general officers of the Confederate Army, and a copious index complete a volume, pregnant with matter otherwise unattainable, and indispensable to the correct appreciation of events, of which they were part and parcel.

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*Index to Davy's Suffolk Collections.* BY GEORGE GATFIELD of the British Museum. 8vo. pp. 88.

Davy's Suffolk Collections in the British Museum have long been known to genealogists, and Mr. Gatfield has done a good service in preparing this index of them. The manuscripts, he informs us, are arranged alphabetically and make forty-three volumes. They are among the "Additional Manuscripts," and are numbered 19,114 to 19,156. They were compiled by David Elisha Davy, and consist of pedigrees of Suffolk families and of families connected with that county, with genealogical and biographical notes. As many of our New-England emigrants came from Suffolk, the book will be of much assistance to American genealogists in their researches.

*Aryan Sun-Myths the Origin of Religions.* By SARAH E. TITCOMB, Author of "Early New England People," etc. With an Introduction by CHARLES MORRIS, Author of "The Aryan Race," etc. Boston: Published by the Author, 88 Pinckney Street. 12mo. pp. 192, with Appendix and Notes. In cloth, price \$1.25.

Here is a very ingenious and apparently successful attempt to prove the close similarity of the traditions of the ancient religions of Asia and other parts of the Old and New Worlds, with the doctrines and incidents of the Christian re-

ligion. One hundred and twenty-eight different authorities have been consulted, on a great variety of subjects, including works on the religions of India, China, Persia, Phenicia, Carthage, Babylon, Egypt, Ancient Greece, the Indians of the American continent, and many others in which many of the institutions and traditions of the Old Testament and some of the New Testament are shown to have existed in a somewhat modified way in the other oriental faiths. The author has shown much industry and research in her work, which makes a very interesting and readable volume.

*By Oliver B. Stebbins, Esq., of South Boston, Mass.*

*The Congregational Year Book. 1890. Issued under the Sanction of the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States, by its Publishing Committee.* Boston: Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society. 1890. 8vo. pp. 484. Price \$1. To be purchased of Rev. H. A. Hazen, Congregational Library, 1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass.

The editor of this work is the Rev. Henry A. Hazen, who has had charge of the annual issues for several years. It seems to us by far the best of the Year Books issued by the various religious denominations in the United States. It contains, as stated in a lengthy title-page, "The General Statistics" of the Congregational Churches in the United States "for the last previous year; an alphabetical list of the Congregational ministers, and of the officers and students of Congregational theological seminaries; the annual record of changes; the vital statistics of Congregational ministers deceased in 1889; statements of the National co-operative societies; the National and State organizations of Churches; and other miscellaneous information."

This volume is larger than previous issues, as it contains the quinquennial statistics of the denomination. The National Council recommended in 1877 that these statistics should be collected every five years, but this is the first time that they have been printed. They add to the value of the book. A section in the volume which will be found very convenient, is an alphabetical list of Congregational ministers who have died in the last thirty-six years, from 1854 to 1889 inclusive, being an index to the annual obituaries published in the Congregational Quarterly and in the several year-books.

Rev. Mr. Hazen, the editor of this volume, is the secretary of the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States, under whose auspices the book has been prepared and issued. He has done his work faithfully.

*New Amsterdam, New Orange, New York, with chronological data.* By CHARLES W. DARLING, Corresponding Secretary of the Oneida Historical Society, N. Y. Privately printed. 1889. 8vo. pp. 43.

This monograph is disappointing because it is too short. It will, however, stimulate interest (one of the best results wrought by a good writer) in regard to the history of the period treated of, and lead to further study and research.

The author's "Notes" (as he modestly calls them) "embrace the years between the discovery of this land by Hudson in 1609 and the recall of Gov. Wouter Van Twiller in 1637."

It is interesting to observe that in 1626 Gov. Minuit purchased from the Indians the entire island of Manhattan, for the value of 60 guilders, or about \$24. of our present currency. The Colony retained its name of New Amsterdam until the war between England and Holland in 1673, when a Dutch fleet recaptured it, and the officers named it New Orange, in compliment to the Prince of Orange. It retained this name but a short time, for, in 1674, a treaty was concluded between England and Holland, and the English gave it the name of New York.

The government of the Colony was vested in a Governor and Council. It had almost unlimited power, for in it were combined the legislative, executive, and judicial authority. The people lived in a walled town, or rather fortified camp, and strict military rule was observed.

Money, or at least money in our use of the term, was scarce in the colony. The government officers were paid in "Seawant," or beavers, *e.g.*, owners of large vessels paid annually to the city "one beaver" for the privilege of anchoring in the harbor during the winter. This seawant, or seawan, was the name of Indian money. "It was called also wampum, and consisted of beads

formed of the shells of shell-fish. It was of two colors, the black being considered double the value of the white. Its current value was six beads of the white, or three of the black, for an English penny." The following proclamation of Gov. Lovelace, issued Dec. 10, 1672, is a document too curious to be omitted.

"Whereas it is thought convenient, and necessary, in obedience to his Sacred Majesty's Commands, who enjoynes all his subjects, in their distinct colonies, to enter into a strict Alliance and Correspondence with each other, as likewise for the advancement of Negotiation, Trade, and Civill Commerce, and for a more speedy Intelligence and Dispatch of affaires, that a messenger or Post bee authorised to sett forth from this City of New Yorke, monthly, and thence to travaile to Boston, from whence within that month hee shall returne againe to this City. These are therefore to give notice to all persons concerned, That on the first day of January next (1673) the messenger appointed shall proceed on his Journey to Boston: If any therefore have any letters or small portable goods to bee conveyed to Hartford, Connecticut, Boston, or any other parts in the Road, they shall bee carefully delivered according to the Directions by a sworne Messenger and Post, who is purposely employed in that Affaire; In the Interim those that bee dispos'd to send Letters, lett them bring them to the Secretary's office, where is a lockt Box they shall be preserv'd till the Messenger calls for them. All persons paying the Post before the Bagge be sealed up. Dated at New Yorke this 10th day of Dec. 1672."

Allusion is made to "The farm of Dominie Bogardus, called the *Dominie's Bouwerie*, the Duke's farm, the King's farm, the Queen's farm, as it passed from one owner to another, became at length the property of Trinity Church by letters-patent under the seal of the province."

Want of space forbids further extracts from this interesting work.

By the Rev. Daniel Rollins, of Millville, Mass.

*The Original Mother Goose's Melody as First issued by John Newbery of London, about A.D. 1760. Reproduced in fac-simile from the edition as reprinted by Isaiah Thomas of Worcester, Mass., about A.D. 1785. With Introductory Notes.* By WILLIAM H. WHITMORE. Albany: Joel Munsell's Sons. 1889. Small 8vo. pp. 18+23.

"Few books in the English language," says Mr. Whitmore in his preface, "have had so great and persistent circulation as the collection of Nursery Rhymes known as Mother Goose's Melody. In presenting a reprint of the earliest known edition, some bibliographical notes may be in place. According to my present knowledge, I feel sure that the original name is merely a translation from the French; that the collection was first made for and by John Newbery of London about A.D. 1760; and that the great popularity of the book is due to the Boston editions of Munroe and Francis A.D. 1824-1860."

In the REGISTER for 1878 (pp. 144-6; 811-15) are several articles on the authorship of Mother Goose's Melodies. In the first article Mr. Whitmore gives excellent reasons for disbelieving the story that the name Mother Goose is of New England origin.

In the pamphlet before us are collected an array of facts relating to the book and the name. Mr. Whitmore does not find the name Mother Goose in American nor in English literature at a very early date; but he finds its equivalent to be of considerable antiquity in the French language, "*la Mère Oye*" being found in a poem bearing date 1650. The popularity of the name, however, dates from the publication, in 1697, of the nursery tales by Charles Perrault, entitled "*Histoires ou Contes du Tens Passé*," also styled "*Contes de ma mère l'Oye*." This work seems to have been translated into English by Robert Samber, and published as "*Tales of Passed Times by Mother Goose*" as early as 1729, perhaps earlier.

John Newbery, the London bookseller, who died in 1767, famous as the publisher of little story books for children, issued one or more editions of Mother Goose's *Tales*. It has not definitely been ascertained when the title "*Mother Goose's Melody*" was first used, but Mr. Whitmore thinks it originated with Newbery. Reasons are given for believing that he was the original publisher of "*Mother Goose's Melody or Sonnets for the Cradle*," of which, though none of the early English editions are known to be extant, Mr. Whitmore has found an American reprint of about 1785. This he reproduces in fac-simile in this

pamphlet. Oliver Goldsmith was a writer for Newbery, and Mr. Whitmore suggests the possibility that this famous "Melody" was his work.

The little book published by Mr. Thomas is here reproduced by the photo-electrotype process, and the reader has before him an exact fac-simile of it, with all its curious wood cuts.

Mr. Whitmore would be pleased to hear from those who have English copies of the book, or early copies of the editions published by Munroe and Francis.

*The Lutheran Movement in England during the Reigns of Henry VIII. and Edward VI., and its Literary Monuments.* By HENRY EYSTER JACOBS, D.D., Norton Professor of Systematic Theology in the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, etc. etc. Philadelphia: G. W. Frederick. 1890. 8vo. pp. 376. Price \$2.

The principal purpose of this book, as the preface declares, is "to promote a thorough understanding of the historical relation of the Lutheran Church to the various English-speaking communions in this country, whose course has been influenced by the history of the Church in England during the sixteenth century." This purpose is a most laudable one; and, as the author remarks, "it is surprising that a book filling this place has not appeared before." In view of the recent appearance of the German Lutheran Church of the Northwest as a compact power coöperating with the German Catholics in opposition to the exclusive teaching of the English language in the public schools, this work of Dr. Jacobs may be regarded as a book for the times, since it emphasizes the fact that Lutheranism is not German any more than it is English, or Scotch, or Dutch, or Hungarian.

The Lutheran Church in the United States now numbers between four and five millions of members, including more than a million communicants, and it is growing with great rapidity in all the elements of denominational power. In spite of all that some short-sighted Lutherans of German extraction have done to make it a German Church distinctively, the English language has already been adopted by many Lutheran congregations, and this revolution in language will steadily go forward. "As the various nationalities which its adherents represent, merge in one American nationality, so their various languages," as Dr. Jacobs foresees, will sooner or later be "laid aside for the common language of the country." And this book will hasten the movement. In another aspect also it is a book for the times. In view of the impulse toward Christian unity now felt among different denominations of English-speaking Protestants, Dr. Jacobs has done well to recall the discussions which took place in the times of the Tudors, with reference to a union of the Lutheran and Anglican Churches. When the proposals for unity, which the bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church put forth at Chicago in 1886, were presented to the Southern Synod of the Lutheran Church, the latter replied that it was ready to resume the negotiation for the union of the two Churches at the point where it was broken off in the reign of Henry VIII. Perhaps the mainspring of the movement, in 1535, was Queen Anne Boleyn, though Thomas Cromwell, Archbishop Cranmer and several other prelates, favored it; but Henry's ambition to be a sort of Grand Caliph of the united Churches was too much for the Lutherans to gratify; and the judicial murder of that queen in 1536 excited such horror and disgust for the royal ruffian that the movement failed. It may be renewed with better success now, both these churches being in this country free from any entangling alliance with the state. The great indebtedness of the English-speaking world to Luther and Lutheranism for the English Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, and very much of its early religious literature, is well and elaborately set forth in this volume. We have noticed several minor errors which, when a second edition appears, should be corrected. For example, it was not "the bishop of London" (page 8), but Longland, bishop of Lincoln, which then included Oxford, who caused the arrest of so many Lollards in 1521. Again: Edward the Sixth was not regarded by Roman Catholics as "a usurper," page 191. Again: the year 1484 is ten years too early for the birth of William Tyndale, according to Boase and Demaus, and eight years too late, according to Benjamin W. Greenfield, F.S.A.

By Charles Cowley, LL.D., of Lowell, Mass.

*The Antiquities of Tennessee and the adjacent States, and the State of Aboriginal Society in the Scale of Civilisation represented by them. A Series of Historical*



*and Ethnological Studies.* By GATES P. THRUSTON, Corr. Secretary of the Tennessee Historical Society. Illustrated. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1890. Royal, 8vo. pp. xv.+369. Price \$4 net, sent by mail on receipt of price.

The elegant illustrations and careful descriptions in this volume give the reader a feeling of personal acquaintance with the peaceful people who inhabited the Cumberland Valley perhaps four or five hundred years ago. A cordon of forts and outworks protected the group of well-peopled villages where considerable progress had been made in the development of civilization before the red Indian of the historical period overran the country. The author traces a relationship and considerable commercial intimacy between these early settlers of Tennessee and the mound-builders of the West, and shows a likeness between their civilization and that of Mexico and Peru. Plans are given showing the general outlines of their towns and houses and graves. In the latter, which are curious stone boxes constructed with great skill, have been found, both in stone and pottery, their cradles, bowls, pipes, toys and ornaments, their ancestral statues, their weapons, the tools of their trades, and utensils of their religious ceremonial.

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*Abraham Lincoln's Pen and Voice, being a Complete Compilation of his Letters, Civil, Political and Military. Also his Public Addresses, Messages to Congress, Inaugurals and others, as well as Proclamations upon Various Public Concerns, showing him to have been the greatest Constitutional Student of the Age, and the Noblest Pattern for Future Generations America has ever known.* By G. M. VAN BUREN, late Colonel U. S. Vols. With a fine steel Portrait. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1890. 12mo. pp. 435. Price \$1.50. Sent by mail on receipt of price.

Col. Van Buren has chosen an appropriate title for his attempt to let the great President tell the story of his own public life from his nomination to the presidency to the hour of his assassination, for the whole book was spoken or written by Mr. Lincoln. It is, in effect, a treatise on the War of the Rebellion, for in it the motives of the rebels and the patriots, their principles of action, their modes of thought, their resources and their conduct are explained by the man who best understood them all. It is as good an introduction as can be found to the study of the details of the war. It has a value equivalent to a history of the American Revolution by George Washington or of the English Commonwealth by Oliver Cromwell. The glory of soul and mind that shine from all its pages is Mr. Lincoln's; to the editor belongs the honor of such implicit faith in his hero that he does not fear to present him to the most crucial test,—to let him be judged by his own words. Criticism of such a book would be presumptuous.

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*The Constitution of the Society of Sons of the Revolution and By-Laws of the Pennsylvania Society. Instituted April 3, 1888.* Philadelphia. 1890. 8vo. pp. 42.

It is gratifying to notice that societies like this and kindred societies are formed from time to time to do work along lines similar to those laid down by the New-England Historic Genealogical Society and other historical societies, for not only preserving and collating such historical matter as is easily accessible, but, also, as far as possible, of searching for and bringing out new facts bearing upon the history of our country, gathering and arranging data which will throw additional light upon the past. The original sources from which information may be obtained are liable—through carelessness, accident, or the lapse of time—to become destroyed.

The object of this Society, as set forth in its constitution and by-laws, is an admirable one. As the title indicates, it proposes to take for its special study and research the period of the Revolution, and it has for its praiseworthy object the purpose of perpetuating "the memory of the men, who, in the military, naval and civil service of the Colonies and of the Continental Congress, by their acts as counsel, achieved the Independence of the country, and to further the proper celebration of the anniversaries of the birthday of Washington and of prominent events connected with the war of the Revolution; to collect and secure for preservation the rolls, records and other documents relating to that period."

Male descendants of any one who served faithfully in the military or naval service under the authority of any of the thirteen Colonies or of the Continental Congress, or a descendant of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, or of any member of the Continental Congress or of the Congress of any of the Colonies or States, or as an official appointed by or under the authority of any such legislative bodies, actually assisted in the establishment of American Independence by services rendered during the war of the Revolution, are eligible to membership in the Society.

There is a general Society with its board of officers. It also intends to include such branch societies from the different States as may desire admission. The name of John Woolf Jordan (the donor of this pamphlet to our Society) appears in it as the Registrar of the Pennsylvania Society.

We wish the Society and its branches every success.

*By the Rev. Daniel Rollins, of Milville, Mass.*

*Memoirs of John Bannister Gibson, Late Chief Justice of Pennsylvania.* By THOMAS P. ROBERTS. With Hon. Jeremiah S. Black's Eulogy; Notes from Hon. William A. Porter's Essay upon his Life and Character, etc. etc. Pittsburgh: Joseph Eichbaum & Co. 1890. 8vo. pp. 247.

Chief Justice Gibson, to whose memoirs this volume is devoted, was born in a house still standing in Perry county, Pa., Nov. 8, 1780, and died at Philadelphia, May 8, 1858. He was a student at Dickinson College, but probably did not graduate. He was admitted to the bar of Cumberland county in 1808, and began practice at Carlisle, which was his residence for the greater portion of his life. In 1818 he was appointed a district judge, in 1816 he was promoted to the Supreme Court, and in 1827 was made chief justice of the state.

Mr. Roberts, his biographer, is a native of Carlisle, and has distinguished himself in a different calling. In the volume before us he first presents to us the incidents in the private life of Judge Gibson, with a history of his ancestors and kindred, who were prominent in Pennsylvania history. This chapter is very interesting. Not being bred to the law himself, Mr. Roberts prefers to let those who were tell the story of his life at the bar and on the bench. This is done by Chief Justice Jeremiah S. Black, in his eulogy delivered at Harrisburg, in May, 1858, in the proceedings of the Supreme Court on the death of Judge Gibson, which are here printed in full. Selections from an essay by Judge William A. Porter on Judge Gibson's life and writings, present to us his character "as a Lawyer, a Legislator and a Judge." Tributes from other speakers and writers also appear in these pages. An appendix contains other interesting and valuable matter. The book is well printed and is illustrated by engravings, two of which are portraits of Judge Gibson. It has an index.

*Illustrated Americana, 1493-1889. Articles read to the American Antiquarian Society.* By JAMES F. HUNNEWELL. Reprinted for the Author from the Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society. 1890. 8m. 4to. pp. 37. 150 copies printed.

Some of Mr. Hunnewell's previous works have been noticed in the REGISTER, among them "The Lands of Scott," "The Historical Monuments of France," "The Imperial Island," and "A Century of Town Life." In the present work he gives an account of illustrated books on America. "Along with examples of nearly all styles and qualities of engraving," says the author, these books "show us an even greater variety of what has been learned or imagined about the western hemisphere. Maps, which are very numerous, form a class by themselves, as in later times do almost countless wood cuts. Before 1590 the latter were, however, about the only sort of engravings relating to the New World."

Mr. Hunnewell divides his work into two parts, the first devoted to Illustrated Americana from 1493 to 1624, and the second to such books as have appeared since 1600; in other words, those printed since the English settlement of this country.

The bibliography of illustrated books on America here presented, has been compiled with much labor and care. The reader will obtain from it clear and definite information on the subject. The book makes a handsome volume, and is illustrated with a fine portrait of Columbus from De Bry.

*Transactions of the Kansas State Historical Society, embracing the Fifth and Sixth Biennial Reports, 1886-1888.* Compiled by F. G. ADAMS, Secretary. Vol. IV. Topeka: Kansas Publishing House, Clifford C. Baker, State Printer. 1890. 8vo. pp. 819.

This young historical society shows evidence of activity and vigor. The bulky volume before us contains the fifth and sixth biennial reports of the proceedings of the Society. Much valuable matter relating to the history of Kansas is preserved in the annual addresses of the presidents and in the reports of the several officers here printed. About half the volume is devoted to "copies of official papers during a portion of the administration of Governor Wilson Shannon, 1856, and the Executive Minutes of Governor John W. Geary, during his administration beginning September 9, 1856, and ending March 10, 1857." These papers have been gathered by the secretary of the Society, the Hon. Franklin G. Adams, from Congressional documents, and will be found of great use to students of the history of Kansas. A chronological index to these papers fills eleven closely printed pages. A very full alphabetical index to the volume fills thirty pages.

The book makes a handsome volume. It does credit to the Society and secretary Adams.

*The Presentation of Flags to the Schools of Portsmouth, N. H., October 9th, 1890, by Storer Post No. 1, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of New Hampshire. With an Appendix relating to the Whipple and Farragut Schools.* Portsmouth, N. H.: Printed by the Times Publishing Company. 1890. 8vo. pp. 36. Price 50 cts. Address Paymaster Joseph Foster, U.S.N., 26 Middle St., Portsmouth, N. H.

The proceedings at the presentation of flags last October to the Portsmouth schools were very interesting, and were calculated to inspire patriotic feelings among the scholars of those schools. They have been prepared for publication by Paymaster Foster, and are printed in the pamphlet before us.

The Appendix contains considerable genealogical information as to the ancestors and kindred of Gen. William Whipple, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, with a sketch of his life. A biographical sketch of Admiral David G. Farragut, and other valuable matter, are also to be found in the pamphlet.

*The Northern Boundary of Massachusetts in its Relation to New Hampshire.* By SAMUEL A. GREEN, M.D. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, University Press. 1890. 8vo. pp. 28.

*Remarks on an Early File of the Boston News-Letter made before the Massachusetts Historical Society. With a Letter by Thomas Jefferson.* By SAMUEL ABBOTT GREEN, M.D. 8vo. pp. 7.

We have before us two recent pamphlets by Dr. Green.

The first is "a part of the Council's Report made to the American Antiquarian Society, at Worcester, on October 21, 1890," and is reprinted from the Proceedings of that Society. It gives a history of the disputes concerning the boundary line between New Hampshire and Massachusetts, which began very early after the settlement of the two colonies and has continued to the present time.

The second pamphlet is a reprint from the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society. The file of early News-Letters of which an account is given once belonged to Chief Justice Samuel Sewall, and is now the property of the New York Historical Society. It begins April 24, 1704, and ends April 19, 1708. The value of this file is increased by the contemporary broadsides which have been bound up with it, and the marginal notes by Judge Sewall. Dr. Green describes the several broadsides. The letter on Jefferson is on business, and is dated August 5, 1817.

*Wells Wills, Arranged in Parishes and Annotated.* By FREDERIC WILLIAM WEAVER, M.A. London: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner & Co., Ltd. 1890. 8vo. pp. xii.+234.

The editor of this work is an experienced antiquary. He is the editor, for the county of Somerset, of the "Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries." His "Somerset Incumbents" was commended by us in April, 1889. He is also the editor of "Visitations of the Counties of Somerset and Hereford."

The volume before us contains abstracts of the Wills in the first two books of Wills at the District Probate Register, Wells, England. About six hundred wills are recorded in those two volumes, and abstracts of all of them are here given. The dates run from the year 1528 to 1586, though a few of the wills bear earlier dates.

There are some new features of the work which will commend it to those for whose use it is prepared. The different parishes are alphabetically arranged, and under each parish the wills of the testators who resided in that parish are printed. This must have caused no little labor to the editor, but the advantages of this arrangement will repay him for it. Prefixed is a table showing "The Saints and Services of North and West Somerset as seen in the Devotions of the several Parishes."

The preface contains much interesting information relating to church services in Pre-Reformation times, while numerous marginal annotations explain and illustrate the text. The whole book is fully indexed, there being Index Rerum in addition to the usual Index Nominum. The Rev. Mr. Weaver deserves much credit for the excellent manner in which he has performed his editorial work. The book is handsomely printed on fine white paper.

*Index to the First Volume of the Parish Registers of Gainford in the County of Durham. Part III. Burials 1569-1784.* London: Elliot Stock, 62 Paternoster Row, E. C. 1890. 8vo. pp. 140. Price six shillings.

In July last we noticed Parts I. and II. of the work before us, containing an index to the baptisms and marriages in the oldest Volume of the Parish Registers of Gainford. Part III. just issued contains an index to burials there recorded, and completes the work. The registers of baptisms, marriages and burials for the parish of Gainford form thirteen volumes and preserve a continuous record from 1569 to our own day. The present publication contains an index to the first volume only, but a manuscript index of six later volumes to the year 1837 on the same plan as that here printed has been made by the same compiler.

To the Rev. Joseph Edleston, LL.D., the vicar of Gainford, who has borne the expense of printing these volumes, and to the editor for the labor, taste and judgment bestowed upon them, the thanks of genealogists and antiquaries are due.

A volume is now in preparation which will contain complete copies of the Monumental Inscriptions in Gainford Church and Churchyard. It will make a fit companion to the three volumes devoted to the Parish Registers.

*Proceedings of the Rhode Island Historical Society, 1889-90.* Providence: Printed for the Society. 1890. 8vo. pp. 126.

*The Rhode Island Historical Society. Sketch of its History with a List of Papers read at its Stated Meetings.* Providence: Printed for the Society by Snow & Farnham. 1890. 8vo. pp. 87.

The first of these two pamphlets contains the Proceedings of the Society for the year 1889. This series of pamphlets was begun in 1872, and since then they have been printed annually, the present being the eighteenth issue. It contains a full report of the proceedings at the annual meeting, with the able address of the president, Gen. Horatio Rogers; a history of the society by the secretary; the annual necrology; a list of donors, and other articles. It shows that the year 1889 was an active and prosperous one for the society, though it had to mourn the loss of its learned president and benefactor, Prof. William Gammell, LL.D.

The next pamphlet is a reprint from the preceding. It gives a brief history of the Rhode Island Historical Society, prepared by the secretary Amos Perry, LL.D. The society was formed in June, 1822, and was the fourth state historical society organized in the United States, the Massachusetts Historical Society, formed in 1790, being the first; the New York Historical Society, formed in 1804, the second; and the Maine Historical Society, formed in April, 1822, the third. The society has been an efficient instrument in collecting, printing and otherwise preserving materials for the history of the State. It has issued seven octavo volumes of Collections filled with rare and valuable historical matter, the first having been printed in 1827, and the last in 1885. It has also printed its Proceedings annually for the last eighteen years. Besides this it has printed a variety of miscellaneous documents, such as addresses, reports, circulars, etc.

Dr. Perry has appended to his History, a chronological list of papers and lectures read at the stated meetings of the society from Nov. 18, 1885, to Dec. 31, 1889. There are 348 different papers in this list, read or written by 164 different persons at 314 different meetings held within a period of fifty-six years. The pamphlet is carefully compiled and gives much interesting information relative to the work of the society.

*Genealogical Memoranda of the Family of Ames.* By REGINALD AMES, M.A. Privately Printed. London: Mitchell & Hughes, 140 Wardour Street, W. 1889. 4to. pp. xxii.+22+99. With 45 leaves of plates and 5 large folding tabular pedigrees.

*Genealogy of the Bigelow Family of America, from the Marriage in 1642 of John Biglo and Mary Warren to the Year 1890.* By GILMAN BIGELOW HOWE. Worcester, Mass.: Printed by Charles Hamilton. 1890. 8vo. pp. 517.

*Genealogy of the Breck Family descended from Edward of Dorchester and his brothers in America. With an Appendix.* By SAMUEL BRECK, U.S.A. Omaha: Rees Printing Company. 1889. 8vo. pp. 252+xxix. Price \$5. Sent prepaid on receipt of price. Address, Gen. Samuel Breck, War Department, Washington, D. C.

*Memoirs of Matthew Clarkson of Philadelphia, 1735-1800.* By his great grandson, JOHN HALL. Also of his brother, Gerardus Clarkson, 1737-1790. By his great-grandson, SAMUEL CLARKSON. 1890. 8vo. pp. 259.

*Genealogy of Joseph Fisher and his Descendants, and of the Allied Families of Farley, Farlee, Fettermon, Püner, Reeder and Shipman.* Compiled by CLARENCE WOODWARD FISHER. Press of E. H. Lisk, Troy, N. Y. 8vo. pp. 243.

▲ *Contribution towards a Genealogy of all Torreys in America.* Compiled by D. TORREY. Detroit: John F. Eby & Co., Printers. 1890. 8vo. pp. 145+lxii. Address, D. Torrey, 81 Fulton Street, New York city.

*The Sayward Family; being the History and Genealogy of Henry Sayward of York, Maine, and his Descendants. With a brief account of other Saywards who settled in America.* By CHARLES A. SAYWARD. Ipswich, Mass.: Independent Press, E. G. Hull. 1890. 8m. 8vo. pp. vi.+177.

▲ *Genealogy of One Branch of the Warren Family, with its Inter-marriages, 1637-1890.* Compiled for Moses Conant Warren, by MARY PARKER WARREN. Edited by EMILY WILDER LEAVITT. Printed for Private Circulation. 1890. Royal 8vo. pp. iv.+59.

▲ *Genealogy of One Branch of the Conant Family 1581-1890.* Arranged for Moses Conant Warren, by EMILY WILDER LEAVITT. Printed for Private Circulation. 1890. Royal 8vo. pp. iii.+18.

▲ *Genealogy of the Bogan Family 1767-1890.* Compiled for Moses Conant Warren, by EMILY WILDER LEAVITT. Printed for Private Circulation. 1890. Royal 8vo. pp. iv.+86.

▲ *Genealogy of One Branch of the Morey Family 1631-1890.* Edited for Moses Conant Warren, by EMILY WILDER LEAVITT. Printed for Private Circulation. 1890. Royal 8vo. pp. vi.+80.

*The Bartow Family in England.* By the Rev. EVELYN P. BARTOW, M.A. 1890. Illustrated. Royal 8vo. pp. 44.

*The History of the Dudley Family, with Genealogical Tables, Pedigrees, etc. Number IV.* By DEAN DUDLEY, author of *The First Council of Nice, etc.* To be published in numbers or parts of 100 pages each. Wakefield, Mass.: Dean Dudley, Publisher. 1890. Royal 8vo. 100 pages. Price \$1.

▲ *Brief History of the Joy Family.* By ONE OF THEM. Printed for Private Circulation. 1876. Sm. 4to. pp. 37, and 8 pages for a "Family Record" and "Memoranda."

*Memorial to my Honored Kindred.* By CHARLES W. DARLING. 1888. Utica, N. Y. Royal 8vo. pp. 112.

▲ *Sketch of the Life of Rev. Daniel Dana Tappan. With an Account of the Tappan Family.* Prepared by HIS CHILDREN. Boston: Press of Samuel Usher. 1890. 8vo. pp. 28.

*Descendants of William Low of Boston, Massachusetts.* Compiled by EDMUND DANA BARBOUR. JANUARY 1, 1890. Tabular pedigree in cloth cover.

*Thomas (Nock) Knox of Dover, N. H., in 1652, and some of his Descendants.* Compiled by W. B. LAPHAM. Privately Printed. Augusta: Press of Maine Farmer. 1890. 8vo. pp. 34.

*The Parker Family: A Short Record of the Roxbury Branch of the Parker Family of Reading, Massachusetts, and of some of their Descendants.* By GEORGE H. PARKER, Cullman, Alabama. Cullman, Ala.: Alabama Tribune Print. 1890. 8vo. pp. 10.

*A Genealogical Record. Forsyth of Nydie.* By FORSYTH DE FRONSAC. New Market, Virginia (U. S. A.): Henkel & Co., Printers and Publishers. 1888. 8vo. 29 pages.

*Descendants of Jonathan Perry of Topsham, Maine, to the Fifth Generation.* Compiled by ARTHUR L. PERRY of Gardiner, Maine. Augusta: Press of Charles E. Nash. 1890. 8vo. pp. 13. With blank Family Record, 8 pages.

*The Poor-Poore Family Gathering at Haverhill, Massachusetts, Sept. 14, 1887.* Salem: Printed by the Salem Press Publishing and Printing Co. 1890. 8vo. pp. 107.

*Allertons of New England and Virginia.* By ISAAC J. GREENWOOD of New York city. 8vo. pp. 7.

*Lieut. William French and his Descendants.* By JOHN M. FRENCH, M.D., of Milford, Mass. 8vo. pp. 8.

We continue in this number our quarterly notices of recently published works relating to genealogy.

The first book on our list, "Genealogical Memoranda of the Family of Ames," is a large and elegant volume, handsomely printed on heavy white paper and profusely illustrated with portraits and views. It shows how much can be done by research, good judgment and taste, and ample means, to preserve in an artistic manner the memorials of a family. The volume seems to be intended to preserve in print the ancestry of the author and his brothers and sisters, and a record of various families from which they are descended or to which they are allied. The illustrations are of a high order of merit, and quite a number of historic personages are among the portraits. One folding pedigree is that of the descendants of Matthew Ames of Doulting, Somerset, who lived in the seventeenth century and is the ancestor of the author; and another gives thirty-two lineal ascents of the author for five generations. The author is a descendant of President Charles Chauncy of Harvard College, and a very full tabular pedigree of the Chauncy family is given. There are also pedigrees of Mauduit, Mortimer, Gouge and other families. Many wills, diaries and other documents illustrate the work.

The next book, on the Bigelow family, is a bulky volume containing a very full genealogy of the descendants of John Bigelow of Watertown, Mass. The author seems to have made his research with great thoroughness, and has collected the records of about five thousand persons descended from the immigrant. The material is well arranged. The dates of births, marriages and deaths are full and precise. Much biographical matter has also been obtained. The book is embellished with sixteen portraits. Indexes of heads of families and of other surnames that occur in the volumes are given. The author has done a good service to his kindred.

The book on the Breck family, by Gen. Breck, is devoted to the descendants of the immigrants Edward and Thomas Breck, who settled at Dorchester, Mass., in the middle of the seventeenth century. The book is divided into two parts. The first part contains the posterity of Edward, and is called by the author the Dorchester Branch. Part second gives the descendants of Thomas, whose only known son, Thomas, settled at Sherborn, and this is therefore called by Gen. Breck the Sherborn Branch. The family seems to have been thoroughly traced. Much biographical matter is given and numerous portraits are printed in the text. There is an "Appendix of additional biographical and historical matter, obituary notices, letters, etc., and armorial bearings." The author has produced a valuable book. A complete index is given.

The next book contains memoirs of two brothers, Hon. Matthew and Dr. Gerardus Clarkson, prominent citizens of Philadelphia in the last century. Each memoir is written by a great-grandson. The lives of these brothers included the whole period of the Revolutionary war, of which both were support-

ers, the elder having rendered military service as an officer in it. He was for several years mayor of Philadelphia. Much illustrating the history of Pennsylvania is preserved in the pages. A considerable portion of the work is devoted to the ancestry and descendants of these men. The authors have done a service to the public by giving them this memorial of their ancestors and kindred. The volume is handsomely printed on thick white paper, and is embellished with twelve fine engravings, consisting of portraits, views of buildings, etc.

The book on the Fisher family gives the descendants of Joseph Fisher, born April, 1784, a native of Saxony, who emigrated to this country at an early age, and settled in New Jersey. In 1788 he removed to Northumberland County, Pa. The volume is compiled by Clarence W. Fisher of Mechanicsville, N. Y. The Fisher Family fills 146 pages, the rest of the book being devoted to the other families named on the title-page. Mr. Fisher has succeeded in gathering a full account of the descendants of his immigrant ancestor, with much biographical matter relating to the members of the family. It is carefully arranged on the REGISTER PLAN, and is handsomely printed, with twenty illustrations, consisting of portraits, views of residences, etc. Fac-similes of two family records are given.

The book on the Torrey family is by Mr. Dolphus Torrey of New York city. Four brothers, William, James, Philip and Joseph Torrey, sons of Philip and grandsons of William Torrey of Combe St. Nicholas, co. Somerset, England, were among the early emigrants to New England. William settled at Weymouth, James at Scituate, Philip at Roxbury, and Joseph at Rehoboth. From them a numerous progeny has proceeded. A full genealogy is not attempted. What we have here are "genealogical notes showing the paternal line of descent from William Torrey of Combe St. Nicholas, Somerset County, England, A.D. 1557, to Abner Torrey of Weymouth, Massachusetts, with all descendants of Abner Torrey." The descendants in all surnames of this Abner Torrey, born 1786, are very fully traced in this book. An appendix of interesting matter and a good index are added. We commend the book to our readers.

The Sayward book is by the Hon. Charles A. Sayward of Ipswich, Mass. The first of the name found in New England was Edmund, who resided in Ipswich, Mass., in 1684, and subsequently removed to York, Maine. His brother Henry came here in 1687 and settled at Hampton, N. H., but also finally removed to York. The book gives a very full account of the descendants of these brothers, besides some records of persons of the name who have not been connected with them. The book is well arranged and has a good index.

The next four works whose titles we give—those relating to the Warren, Conant, Bogman and Morey families—are issued in one volume. They were compiled for the late Moses Conant Warren, who did not live to see his work completed, but died, after a brief illness, Oct. 1, 1890, just as the last sheets of his book were going through the press. The Warren family here recorded is descended from Arthur Warren, who settled at Weymouth, Mass., as early as 1638. No connection has been traced between him and Richard Warren of Plymouth, and John Warren of Watertown. The parentage of neither of these early immigrants has yet been discovered. The Conant family is from Roger Conant, a native of East Budleigh, Devon, where his ancestors were settled. He was at the head of the colony planted in 1623 at Cape Anne, and subsequently removed to Salem (See REGISTER, II. 233-39, 329-35). The Bogman family is descended from Jacob Bogman, a wealthy planter of Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, whose son, Charles Laurens Bogman, born May, 1747, emigrated to New England and settled at Providence in 1767. The Morey family is descended from Roger Morey, who settled at Providence, R. I., in 1636. The branches of the several families recorded in these books are carefully traced and well arranged. They are handsomely printed and illustrated by fine engravings. Each work has a separate index.

The Bartow book is by the author of the works on this family noticed by us in July, 1876, and in April, 1887. This seems to be a revision and extension of the latter work, much new matter being added. It has a folding tabular pedigree, is handsomely printed and is embellished by several fine engravings.

The new number of the history of the Dudley family, of which five have now been issued, sustains the interest of the work. The genealogical account of the

descendants of Gov. Thomas Dudley in the line of his oldest son, Rev. Samuel Dudley, is here continued. More matter relative to the English Dudleys, and to others of the name in this country, is given. It is illustrated with numerous portraits and views.

The book on the Joy family is by Mrs. Cornelia C. Joy Dyer, the compiler of the Dyer genealogy noticed by us in July, 1884. The New-England Joys are descended from Thomas Joy, an early settler of Boston. Much interesting matter is here preserved.

The "Memorial to my Honored Kindred" is prepared by Mr. Darling as a tribute of affection to his father, Rev. Charles Chauncey Darling, his mother, Mrs. Adeline Eliza Darling, and his brother, Mr. Elisha Colt Darling; and as a memorial to their ancestors and kindred. Memoirs of these and others of the family are given, with genealogical matter concerning the Darling, Chauncey, Davis, Dana, Ely, Harlakenden, Haynes, Pierpont and Noyes families. It is embellished with portraits of the Rev. C. C. Darling and President Chauncey of Harvard College.

To the well-written memoir before us of the Rev. Daniel D. Tappan, born 1798, died 1890, is appended "Some Account of the Tappan Family." "A List of the Descendants of his father Samuel Tappan of Portsmouth, N. H.," shows that seventy-three descendants of Samuel were living July 15, 1890.

The Low pedigree, which is next in order, gives the descendants to the fifth generation of William Low, born in Boston, Mass., Feb. 13, 1748, and died there Sept 13, 1812. The record is fully traced, with precise dates.

Dr. Lapham's genealogy of the Knox family, like all his work, is carefully compiled. Though the descendants of Thomas Nock or Knox of Dover, N. H., continued, with a few exceptions, to reside in that vicinity for a century, they are now widely dispersed. The author has succeeded in obtaining a very full record of them.

The Parker family, to which the next pamphlet is devoted, is descended from Thomas Parker, who came to New England in 1635, and after a short stay in Lynn, removed to Reading, of which he was one of the first settlers. The author has not attempted a full genealogy of this family, but merely a record of that part of it which may be characterized as the Roxbury branch. Of this branch we find here a good record.

The next pamphlet on the Forsyth family contains much genealogical matter relative to persons of that name in Europe and America. Matthew Forsyth, a native of Ireland, settled at Chester, N. H., in 1742. From him the author of this work, Frederic Gregory Forsyth (Forsyth de Fronsac) of Leesburgh, Loudoun County, Va., is descended.

The pamphlet on the Perry family is descended from Jonathan Perry of Topsham, Me., who was born at Scituate, Dec. 28, 1780. His father was Joseph Perry, but the line has not been traced further back. A very good record of his descendants is here preserved. An engraving of the homestead is given.

The next pamphlet gives the proceedings at the third gathering of the Poor family, which was held at Haverhill, Mass., Sept. 14, 1887. The oration was by Albert Poor of Boston. Other interesting addresses, remarks, poems, letters, etc., are here printed. Thirty-nine pages are devoted to "Obituary Notices," which are embellished with a fine portrait of the late Major Ben: Perley Poor, and a view of his Mansion House at Indian Hill, West Newbury, Mass.

The Allerton and French pamphlets are reprints from the REGISTER, the former from the number for July, 1890, and the latter from that of Oct. 1890.

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS,

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### I. Publications written or edited by Members of the Society.

A Manual of the Church of Christ in Millis, Mass., 1714—October 7, 1889. Edited by Rev. E. O. Jameson, Pastor. Boston: Alfred Mudge & Son, Printers. 1890. 8vo. pp. 55.



Thomas (Nock) Knox of Dover, N. H., in 1652, and some of his Descendants. By Dr. Wm. B. Lapham. Privately Printed. Augusta, Maine: 1890. Press of The Maine Farmer. 8vo. pp. 34.

Bangor Historical Magazine, Vol. 5, No. 12. June, 1890. Edited by Joseph W. Porter, Bangor, Maine.

People and their Homes in Groton, Massachusetts, in Olden Time. By Francis Marion Boutwell. Groton. 1890. 8vo. pp. 18.

Papers relating to Capt. Thomas Lawrence's Company, raised in Groton, Massachusetts, during the French and Indian Wars, 1758. Remarks made before the Massachusetts Historical Society, May 8, 1890. By Samuel Abbott Green, M.D. 8vo. pp. 15.

The Poor-Poore Family Gathering at Haverhill, Mass., Sept. 14, 1887. By Alfred Poore, Salem, Mass. Printed by The Salem Press Publishing & Printing Co. 1890. 8vo. pp. 107.

"In Memoriam" Rev. Adin Ballou. A Sermon given in the Unitarian Church at Mendon, Aug. 24, 1890. By Rev. C. A. Staples. Boston: Geo. H. Ellis, Printer. 1890. 8vo. pp. 18.

The Northern Boundary of Massachusetts in its Relation to New Hampshire. A part of the Council's Report made to the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester, on Oct. 21, 1890. By Samuel A. Green, M.D. 1890. 8vo. pp. 23.

Twenty-first Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston. Containing Dorchester births, marriages, and deaths, to the end of 1825. Boston: Rockwell & Churchill, City Printers. 1890. 8vo. pp. 392.

## II. Other Publications.

The Union State: a Letter from our States-Right Friend. By John C. Hurd, LL.D., author of "The Law of Freedom and Bondage in the United States," etc. New York: D. Van Nostrand Company. 1890. 8vo. pp. 135. Price 75 cts., or 81 cts. by mail. A notice will appear in the April number.

Dedham Historical Register. Vol. I. No. 3. Published by the Dedham Historical Society. July, 1890. 8vo.

Collections and Proceedings of the Maine Historical Society. Quarterly Part, No. 3. July, 1890. Published for the Society by Brown, Thurston & Co. Portland, Maine.

Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder. Vol. V. No. 4. Oct., 1888. S. M. Watson, Publisher. Portland, Maine. 1888.

Report of the Committee on the Western Boundary of Maryland. A Paper read before the Maryland Historical Society, December 9, 1889. Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, Md. 1890. 8vo. pp. 40.

Archæological Institute of America. Wisconsin Society. Report of the First Annual Meeting, held at Madison, May 2, 1890. Addresses by Prof. James Davie Butler, LL.D., on "A Day at Delphi," and by Prof. Charles Edwin Bennett, on "The Work and Aims of the Archæological Institute of America." Madison, Wis.: State Journal Printing Co. 1890. 8vo.

Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society. Vol. XI. No. 1. 1890. "Up Neck" in 1825, by Gurdon W. Russell, M.D. Hartford: 1890. 8vo. pp. 145.

Collections of the Surrey Archæological Society. Vol. X. No. 1. London: 1890. 8vo. pp. 149.

The New-England Notes and Queries. Vol. I. No. 3. July, 1890. R. H. Tilley, Newport, R. I. 8vo.

Obituary Record of Graduates of Dartmouth College and the Associated Institutions for Year ending at Commencement, 1890. By John M. Comstock, Statistical Secretary for the Association of Alumni of Dartmouth College. Hanover, N. H.: Dartmouth Steam Press. 1890. 8vo. pp. 24.

Memorials of the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati. Edited by James M. Bugbee. Boston: Printed for the Society. 1890. 8vo. pp. 575.

Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars, 1861-1865. Prepared and published under the supervision of the Board of Commissioners appointed by the Act of the Legislature of Minnesota of April 16, 1889. St. Paul, Minn. 1890. Printed for the State by the Pioneer Press Company. 8vo. pp. 844.

Catalogue of Records and Files in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Suffolk. 1890. Boston: Addison C. Getchell, Printer, 55 Oliver St. 8vo. pp. 169.

Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. A Sequel to Campbell's History. By George S. Brown. Boston. 1888. Rand, Avery & Co., Printers. 8vo. pp. 524.

Fifty Years with the Revere Copper Co. A Paper read at the Stockholders' Meeting, held on Monday, 24 March, 1890. By its Treasurer, S. T. Snow. 1890. Press of Samuel Usher. Boston, Mass. Printed by request, and for use of the Stockholders. 8vo. pp. 49.

Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder. Vol. VI. No. I. January, 1889. S. M. Watson, Publisher. Portland, Maine. 1889.

The Salem Press Historical and Genealogical Record. No. 2. October, 1890. Vol. I. Published Quarterly. By The Salem Press Publishing and Printing Co. Eben Putnam, Editor. Salem, Mass. 8vo.

Dedham Historical Register. Vol. I. No. 4. October, 1890. Published by the Dedham Historical Society. Dedham, Mass.

Bulletin of the Boston Public Library. Issued Quarterly. October, 1890. Boston: Published by the Trustees.

Memorial and Reminiscences of Dr. Levi F. Warner, Boston, Mass. Milwaukee, Wis.: The Corbett & Skidmore Co. 1890. 8vo. pp. 86.

History of the Dudley Family. No. 4. By Dean Dudley. Wakefield, Mass. 1890.

Contributions of The Old Residents' Historical Association. Lowell, Mass. Vol. IV. No. 3. Published by the Association. September, 1890. Lowell, Mass. 1890.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**WILL OF JOHN WASHINGTON.**—The will of John Washington, the immigrant ancestor of President Washington, so long supposed to be hopelessly lost, has recently been found among the records of Westmoreland County, Va. In the *New York Nation*, Thursday, Dec. 18, Moncure D. Conway, Esq., has an article on the subject in which the will is printed in full. The will names a sister Martha, an additional evidence in favor of Mr. Waters's theory. A copy of the will made for Isaac J. Greenwood, Esq., by J. Warren Hutt, Esq., clerk of the County Court of Westmoreland County, Va., has been sent to us by that gentleman, but this number of the REGISTER was too far advanced when the copy was received to enable us to print it this quarter.—EDITOR.

**NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP.**—The very earliest publication in print, of which I have any knowledge, of the familiar little prayer—

“Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray the Lord my soul to keep;  
If I should die before I wake,  
I pray the Lord my soul to take”—

was in the old “New-England Primer,” the first edition of which was printed about the year 1691—nearly two hundred years ago.

Have you, Mr. Editor, or any of your multitude of readers, may I ask, knowledge of the little prayer having been any earlier in print? And was it *first* in print in the United States of America or in some other part of the world? I am very desirous of learning when and where, and in what language, the little prayer was *first* in print, and what is known concerning the *oral* transmission of this hymn, and in what language it was originally composed.

I have information that a learned gentleman, who is making a search for the genesis of this child's prayer, has traced it back to England and Scotland, and expects to find it in an old Latin hymn.

Can you, Mr. Editor, or any of the readers of the foregoing kindly give me the information desired, or suggest to me where and of whom I may possibly obtain it?

CHARLES MARSEILLES.

*Exeter, N. H.*

**A GUIDE TO PRINTED BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS RELATING TO ENGLISH HERALDRY AND GENEALOGY.**—This book by Mr. George Gatefield of the Department of Manuscripts in the British Museum, was announced by us in the

REGISTER for July, 1886, page 326. We are happy to learn that it is now in press. The work is a classified catalogue of works on those branches of literature. It consists of about twenty thousand titles, and is intended to supplement and to form one of a series of valuable Guides which have already been published; such as Sims's "Index to Heralds' Visitations in the British Museum," and "Manual for the Genealogist, Topographer and Antiquary"; Marshall's "Genealogists' Guide to Printed Pedigrees"; Anderson's "Book of British Topography"; and other works of a like nature. The need of such a Guide is apparent. The book will be published by Messrs. Mitchell & Hughes, 140 Wardour Street, London (W.) England, to whom subscriptions should be sent at once. Price one guinea to subscribers, and a guinea and a half to non-subscribers. The book will probably be published early in the spring. The edition will be limited to 300 copies.

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SCOTCH GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY.—One of the officials of the Lyon office is about publishing, with copious genealogical notes, the recently discovered "Lockhart Collection," comprising over three hundred coats of arms. They were executed either for, or under the supervision of Alexander Nisbet (b. 1672, d. 1725), the most celebrated of all the Scotch heraldic authorities.

Among these coats, are those of Aikman, Ainslie, Baillie, Balderston, Birnie, Burden, Campbell, Carstairs, Corser, Craw, Dalziel, Dalmahoy, Drummond, Dunbar, Duncan, Dundas, Edgar, Farquharson, Fleming, Fullerton, Hamilton, Hay, Haig, Hoy, Home, Innes, Kirkpatrick, Lauder, Lithgow, Lockhart, Macgregor, Morison, Murray, Nisbet, Ogilvie, Pollock, Primrose, Pringle, Purves, Row, Scot, Seton, Skene, Somerville, Stewart, Trotter, Watson, Wyllie, Young.

This work will doubtless be a very important addition to Scotch heraldry and genealogy. The edition will be limited to two hundred and fifty copies, at about one guinea and a half each. The address of the editor of the Lockhart Collection, is care of Messrs. George Waterston & Sons, Hanover Street, Edinburgh, Scotland.—A. D. WELD FRENCH.

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LETTERS AND MANUSCRIPTS OF THOMAS JEFFERSON.—Paul Leicester Ford, of 97 Clark Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., being engaged in the preparation of an edition of the writings of Thomas Jefferson, and desiring to make it as complete as possible, requests that any one possessing any of Jefferson's letters or manuscripts will communicate with him. Or if such persons will either loan these to Mr. Ford for a few days, he will guarantee their safe return; or if they will have them copied at his expense, and will enclose a bill, he will most gratefully pay for the copying, and give due credit for such assistance in the work.

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THE POETS OF NORTH CAROLINA.—An interesting article with this title by J. D. Cameron, with sketches of the lives of the poets and specimens of their poetry, is the leading article in the November 1890 number of *The Lyceum*, a monthly magazine published at Asheville, N. C. It is the first of a series of articles on "Southern Fields of Poesy."

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COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETIES.—Rev. Anson Titus, of Towanda, Penn., has furnished to *The American*, a literary newspaper published at Philadelphia, an able article showing the advantages which flow from the formation of County Historical Societies in that state. The article appears in the issue of that paper Nov. 29, 1890. He thinks that Town Historical Societies, so common in New England, are best for this section of the country, but that for Pennsylvania and the middle and western states county societies are preferable. The number of such societies in that state is increasing, and they are doing good work in collecting materials for local history. Rev. Mr. Titus's article furnishes excellent suggestions for our people as well as those of Pennsylvania.

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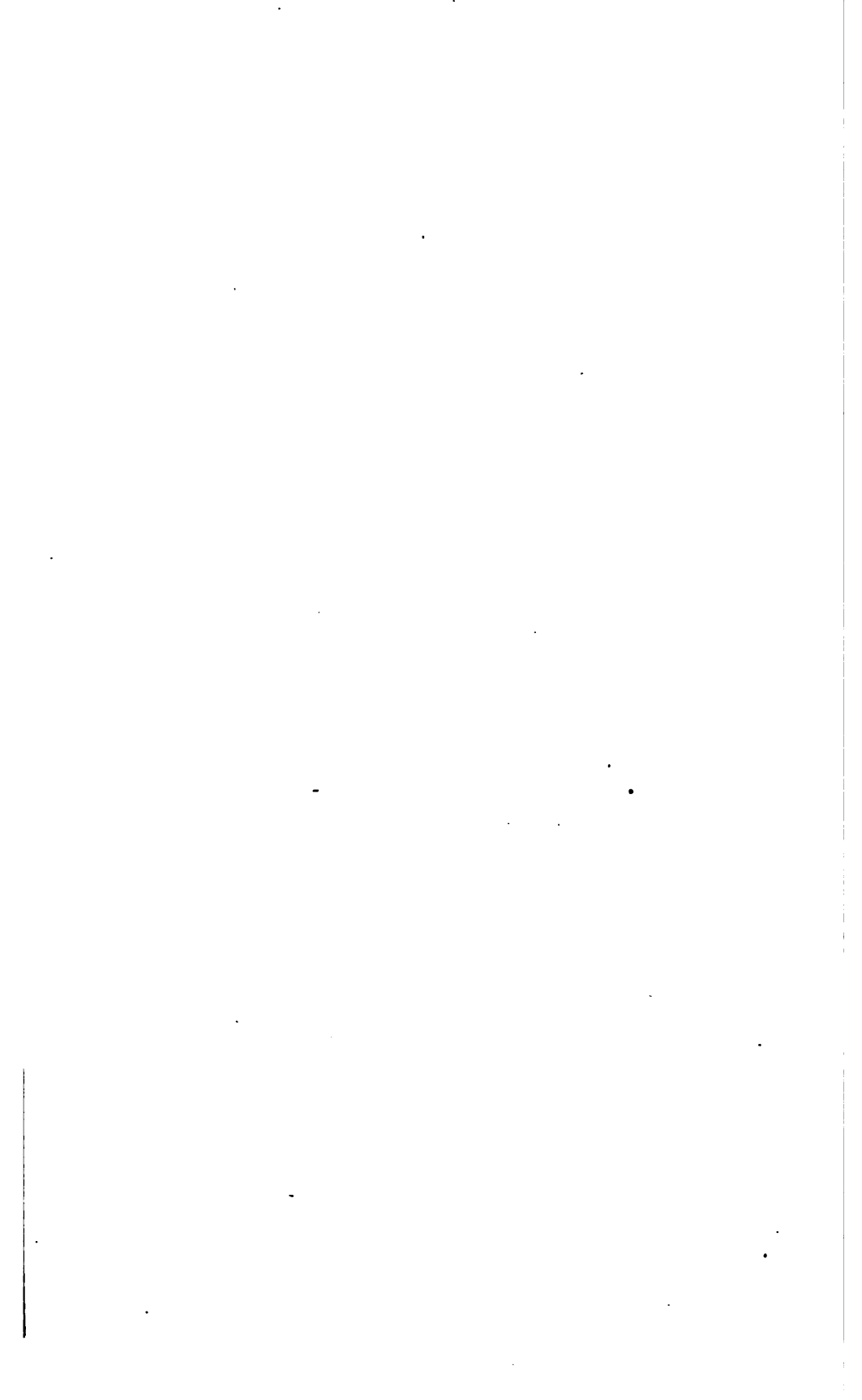
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